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Clinton 'let down' by Sinn Fein

Anglo-US bid to avoid rift over Adams

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND MARTIN FLETCHER

■ President Clinton overruled a host of his advisers to allow Gerry Adams into America. He now finds relations with Downing Street are strained

LONDON and Washington were struggling last night to prevent a serious breach in relations over President Clinton's decision to overrule his ambassador to Britain, the FBI and senior policy advisers in personally approving Gerry Adams's visit to America.

A frantic damage limitation exercise was in process on both sides of the Atlantic to keep the Anglo-Irish peace process on course as the Sinn Fein leader flew home after a publicity spree that exceeded his wildest dreams.

In Washington, White House officials said they felt disappointed and let down by Mr Adams, who failed to deliver the concession that had been expected as vindication of the President's controversial decision. Mr Adams's congressional backers had led key presidential advisers to believe that he would use his address to a New York conference on Ulster to advance the peace process, possibly by announcing a three-month ceasefire. That helped to persuade Mr Clinton to grant the 48-hour visa in spite of strenuous objections by Britain, the State and Justice departments, the American embassy in London and the FBI.

Raymond Seitz, the ambassador in London, is understood to have been against the visit and he admitted yesterday that there had been a tussle inside the American Administration, adding that Mr Clinton "took a chance".

By late on Tuesday, the President appeared to admit his mistake by asserting that he had no intention of intervening in the peace process or of sending a peace envoy to Ulster, but not before Douglas Hurd had made plain Britain's displeasure.



Vice-President Al Gore, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and Anthony Lake the National Security Adviser, were left in no doubt of "the offence not just to the British Government, but to the British people and the people of Northern Ireland," a British source said. At the same time, Mr Seitz was called to Downing Street to be told of John Major's alarm, while Britain's ambassador, Sir Robin Renwick, conveyed the same message.

The result was Mr Clinton's announcement that his campaign proposal to appoint a special envoy had been overtaken by events and his strong praise for the initiative undertaken by Mr Major and Albert Reynolds. Downing Street warmly welcomed that statement yesterday, and also served notice that efforts to reach a political settlement in Northern Ireland — if necessary without Sinn Fein — were about to be intensified. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is expected to bring forward fresh proposals, possibly including a new Ulster assembly, in the next two weeks.

Senior ministers admitted yesterday that Britain had been caught on the hop by the Adams visit: the Government believed until late on Sunday that Mr Adams would be allowed into America only if he renounced violence. But Downing Street stressed that Mr Hurd had made himself constantly available for interviews and that he had given two press conferences. Officials said it would have been difficult for anyone to counter the Adams bandwagon once it had got under way — during his 48 hours, Mr Adams notched up eight television appearances, five press conferences, "exclusive" interviews with newspapers, meetings with congressmen and union leaders as well as speeches to foreign policy analysts and Irish Americans. He was said to have "put a human face on the IRA" and was compared with Clint Eastwood, Nelson Mandela and George Washington.

To cap it all, he challenged Mr Hurd to a television debate, a gauntlet ignored by the Foreign Secretary. Whitehall officials said he would not be seen answering the Adams agenda. "Mr Hurd should not be put on the same level as Adams," they said.

There is scarcely concealed fury among ministers and diplomats at Mr Clinton's decision. But with Mr Major due to meet the President in Washington at the end of the month, officials on both sides were trying to play down suggestions of a rift.

Downing Street insisted that relations were in good shape, although Mr Seitz conceded at a Commons press gallery lunch that the issue had caused difficulties.

Mr Major meanwhile signalled his determination to press ahead with the constitutional talks in Northern Ireland. Downing Street officials warned that the peace process "cannot and will not wait for Sinn Fein" as the Prime Minister registered his fury at Mr Adams's "smokescreen of evasions and falsehoods".

Mr Major's aides said it was "complete nonsense for Adams to claim that the ball was at Britain's feet". The provisionals had been challenged to give up violence and had not done so. They had been challenged to enter the democratic arena and had not had the courage to do so. "While Adams was telling the Americans he favoured peace, his movement was firing mortars in Northern Ireland. His smokescreen of evasions and falsehoods has not deceived people."

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SIMON WALKER

Bishop Turnbull yesterday: "Pity there wasn't a photocall at the resurrection"

Jenkins successor goes back to basics

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE new Bishop of Durham is to be an evangelical who, unlike his controversial predecessor Dr David Jenkins, believes in the Virgin Birth, the bodily resurrection of Christ and eternal damnation.

Downing Street announced yesterday that the Queen has approved the appointment of the Right Rev. Michael Turnbull, 58, at present Bishop of Rochester. At a media conference afterwards he said that the resurrection of Jesus would have been a photographable event.



Jenkins: mistake to suppress blasphemy

"It is a pity there wasn't a photocall." A few hours earlier, Dr Jenkins had been conducting his ministry in his inimitable style, saying that people must be allowed to blaspheme.

Bishop Turnbull, who read geography at Keble College, Oxford, said at Church House, Westminster, headquarters of the Church of England: "I believe in the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe in the Virgin Birth. I hold the creed dearly. Having said that, I do not believe that faith in the resurrection is the whole story. The resurrection has got to

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Benzene levels well over limit in Britain

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

INHABITANTS of British cities may be inhaling benzene, a cancer-causing chemical, at concentrations of six parts per billion, but the Department of the Environment believes it is impractical to reduce this to the recommended one part.

At the moment Londoners are inhaling amounts of benzene equivalent to smoking some 15 cigarettes a day.

Passive smoking link to cot deaths

UP to a quarter of cot deaths are linked with passive smoking, according to evidence published yesterday.

A Health Education Authority conference heard that smoking during pregnancy may reduce the fertility of a woman's unborn daughter, as well as increasing the risk of miscarriage.

Studies also show that children who live in smoking households are shorter, have smaller airways in their lungs and suffer more asthma and respiratory infections. Allergies are five times more common, and cases of glue ear are up to 30 times more likely.....

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Levels at filling stations can be particularly high, a study by *The Times* shows.

Environment department officials said yesterday that a new European Union directive would be in force in the summer requiring petrol tankers to recover benzene-laced petrol vapours when filling underground tanks. Proposals are expected next month to crack down on petrol fumes while motorists are filling their cars. Suction pumps will be fitted to nozzles at high-volume stations at a cost to them of up to £15,000.

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Manchester games bid

Manchester was yesterday nominated by England to stage the Commonwealth Games in 2002, winning the bid by 17 votes to seven from London. Sheffield, the other candidate, withdrew..... **Page 44**

Ski race is called off

The organisers at Garmisch-Partenkirchen cancelled a men's downhill race this coming weekend on the track on which Ulrike Maier was killed last Friday, considering it too dangerous.....**Page 42**

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Egyptian militants tell foreigners to go

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ISLAMIC militants in Egypt last night called on foreigners to leave the country after 24 hours of violence in which seven activists were shot dead and a policeman killed.

"We implore tourists and investors to leave the country because the next operations will be extremely ferocious and strong," the Gama'a el-Islamiya group said in a statement to an international news agency. The declaration followed a three-hour siege against a militant hideout which resulted in the deaths of seven of its members.

"We are forced to this to defend our faith, the values we hold sacred, and ourselves, in the face of the lack of law and of human rights which the dictatorial [President] Mubarak regime embodies," the faxed statement said.

It described the raid in north-eastern Cairo on Tuesday night as a massacre and said the Interior Ministry must have given orders to kill. Yesterday Hassan al-Alfi, the Interior Minister, said security authorities had taken the decision to attack militants in their hideouts, to bring an end to terrorism.

"We will not rest as long as there is one terrorist on Egyptian soil. The operation will continue days and nights to quash terrorism," he said during a visit to a police station.

Hide-out raided, page 11

Kinnock and Smith clash over Clause 4

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith was forced yesterday to defend Clause 4, which enshrines public ownership in the Labour Party's constitution, after Neil Kinnock, his predecessor, called on party members to abandon the most sacred of their traditional socialist commitments.

Mr Kinnock clashed head on with the Labour Leader yesterday as he launched a campaign to reform Clause 4, which has been a bone of contention in the party since Hugh Gaitskell tried unsuccesfully to abandon it 35 years ago.

Mr Smith made clear that he believes reopening the discussion would split the party and that the issue is not on the agenda before the next general election.

Mr Kinnock's move, the first public confrontation with Mr Smith since he took over as leader, will be seen as implicit criticism that Mr Smith is dragging his feet over reforms.

A senior official said: "With the Tories heading for disaster in the local government and European elections, what is the point of spending the next year or two arguing over something which is no longer central to the Labour Party?"

Mr Kinnock argued that Mr Smith did not have to lead the campaign for reform, saying the call for change should come from the bottom of the party, rather than the top.

Lords score a double victory on Police Bill

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND FRANCES GIBB

THE Government was forced into a humiliating double climb-down over its Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill yesterday as it bowed to overwhelming opposition from the Lords.

The hostility of peers to the proposed reforms of police authorities and the magistrate court system was reflected in amendments announced by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, watering down almost all the most contentious aspects of the Bill.



Howard: denied trying to politicise force

The new-look Bill received the crucial blessing of Viscount Whitelaw, whose unprecedented criticism had left the Government facing an impossible task in getting the legislation through the Lords. Mr Howard's amendments address Lord Whitelaw's key concern that proposals for the chairmen of police authorities to be appointed by the Home Secretary would "politicise" the force.

In a written Commons answer to Sir Ivan Lawrence, the Tory MP for Burton, Mr Howard said that the chairman would be chosen by the authority, not the Home Office. He also gave way on Lord Whitelaw's other main objection, that police authorities would be limited to 16 members, whatever the size of the force concerned.

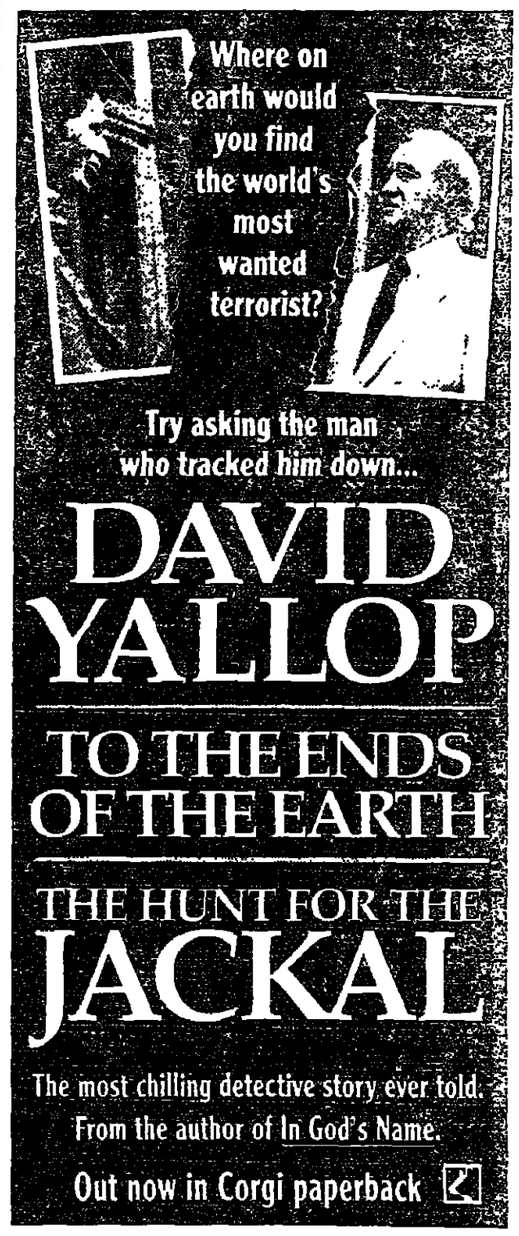
Mr Howard said the changes would "put the independence of police authorities beyond doubt." He denied that he had wanted to centralise control over the police but conceded "there is obviously a need to remove this fear."

The concessions appeared to have allayed some of the worst fears of police bodies, but Richard Coyles, chairman of the Police Federation, said they would continue to oppose other centralising measures in the Bill.

Lord Mackay is to table amendments abolishing proposals for justices' clerks to be placed on fixed-term contracts and performance-related pay. Last night Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, welcomed the amendments, saying both proposals "represented a serious threat to judicial independence."

But he noted Lord Mackay did not address his concerns over the proposed new office of "chief justices' clerk." This post should be replaced by a chief executive without judicial functions, he said.

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'The agency keeps hounding me. My only way out is to go on the dole'

Father ordered to pay maintenance for ex-wife's husband

BY KATE ALDERSON

A FATHER has been ordered by the Child Support Agency to pay maintenance for his ex-wife's new unemployed husband and their young baby.

Stephen Lodge, 29, of Elland, West Yorkshire, who is remarried, claims the demand, which appears to be an error, may force him to leave his job and register as unemployed.

Mr Lodge at present pays £15 a week for Nicola, his five-year-old daughter by his first wife, Amanda. The CSA demand, which arrived earlier this month, claims arrears for Nicola and seeks payment for Amanda's husband, Stephen Bower, who is unemployed, and their 11-month-old son Tristan.

The letter gave Mr Lodge, a printer, five days to settle his bill, totalling £637.02 arrears and £78 agency costs. He also faces payments of £70.78 a week for Nicola, Mr Bower and Tristan.

It reads: "Our records show that we have not received maintenance payments from 27/11/93 to 31/12/93 in respect of Nicola Lodge, Tristan and Stephen Bower."

Mr Lodge married his second wife, Paula, last year and the couple have a baby son, Nathan. Paula Lodge also has a five-year-old son from her first marriage. Mr Lodge's net weekly pay is £217, the household's sole income, and he pays £60 a month for his mortgage and £48 a month for an endowment policy.

"I'm absolutely sickened," he said. "I accept that I have to maintain Nicola and that I have got into arrears. But I don't see why I should have to support the rest of Amanda's family as well.

"The agency are like the mafia. They keep hounding me and it seems my only way out is to go on the dole. That way I will not have enough cash to pay these demands and there will be nothing they can do about it.

"I have bills I can hardly afford and if they insist on these new payments I won't have enough money to live on. I will not even be able to afford my travelling expenses to work and I will be forced to quit my job."

The CSA has warned Mr Lodge that non-payment could result in the money being taken directly from his wages. "I would rather go to jail than accept what they are doing," Mr Lodge said.

A spokeswoman for the CSA refused to comment on individual cases but said it would investigate Mr Lodge's complaint. If a mistake had been made Mr Lodge would receive an apology but late last night he had heard nothing further from the agency.

The CSA has been accused of, and admitted to, a number of mistakes since it was established. Pressure groups, parents and politicians from all the major parties have demanded that the Government attempts to reform the agency's administration.

The CSA has also been accused of causing Ellen Hickman, a widow, unnecessary grief after it offered to help to track down her 14-year-old daughter's father. However, her husband, John, to whom she was married for nine years, died 13 years ago.

Ms Hickman, 42, of Amesbury, Wiltshire, is demanding an apology and compensation from the CSA. She said: "I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened the letter. I just burst into tears."

Ms Hickman was targeted by the CSA after filling in a form to claim family credit. She has been paid a widowed mother's pension since her husband died. A CSA spokesman said an error had been made and apologised for any distress caused.

JOAN RUSSELL



Stephen Lodge at home at Elland, West Yorkshire, with his son Nathan

Wife had hammer 'to do the old man in'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WIFE who planned to electrocute her husband in the bath bought a sledgehammer in case he managed to escape, a jury was told yesterday.

Sonya Eyles, 32, intended to entice her husband Alan into the bath and then drop a radio connected to the mains into the water, killing him, St Albans Crown Court was told.

David Isles, for the prosecution, said Mrs Eyles went with a neighbour to buy an extension lead to reach the bath. Later, when she bought the sledgehammer, a saleswoman joked: "Are you going to do the old man in?"

Mrs Eyles allegedly drew up a list of questions on the effects of electricity on the human body, which she showed to a neighbouring handyman. Mr Isles said: "She even had the nerve to take money from her bank account and buy in advance her widow weeds — two black dresses."

The jury was told she stood to gain £93,000 from an insurance policy.

Mrs Eyles, who denied making threats to kill her husband, never got the chance to put the plan into action. Mr Isles said. Lorraine Blacker, the neighbour she had confided in, informed the police.

As officers entered the Eyles's home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, last March they heard her on the telephone telling Mrs Blacker: "Tonight's the night."

The trial continues.

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Churchman in rent boy case resigns

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A CHURCH of Scotland minister who has been under investigation by kirk authorities for his alleged involvement with a rent boy has resigned.

The Rev Angus Wells, 32, a former associate minister of St Mungo's Church in Cumbernauld, was a member of the kirk's study group on homosexuality, which is believed to endorse same-sex relationships in some instances. The allegations against him had been made in a Sunday newspaper last June and there had also been a complaint from a Church of Scotland minister.

The allegations that Mr Wells was involved in sex play in a Glasgow swimming pool with a rent boy were considered by a closed meeting of the Falkirk Presbytery on Tuesday night, attended by more than 100 members.

Yesterday the kirk's board of communication in Edinburgh issued a statement that said: "The presbytery resolved to accept his offer to demit status and not to proceed with a trial."

Mother tied with wire in sex attack

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MOTHER of two lay helpless in a freezing stream for five hours after a sex attacker bound her throat and wrists with wire, police said yesterday.

They said the woman, 30, is lucky to be alive after she was assaulted while walking through a park in Bromley, northeast London, on her way to a local community centre Bible class on Tuesday morning.

Her attacker grabbed her from behind, hit her over the head and then dragged her into bushes where he tied wire around her wrists and throat. Police said she was then subjected to a "serious indecent assault" and left unconscious with a gag in her mouth.

Later, when she tried to free herself, she rolled into a shallow stream in Shaftesbury Park where she could neither shout for help nor lever herself out.

She was eventually seen by a passer-by and was treated at Lewisham hospital for exposure and bruising to her neck, face and head.

Det Chief Insp Peter Ellcock, leading the enquiry, said: "This was a vile attack on a defenceless woman. She lay in the stream for five to six hours and she is lucky to be alive."

The attacker is described as white, 5ft 8in tall, with sunken eyes in a skeletal face covered in acne scars. He was "very smelly and scruffy" and wore a black United States baseball jacket with an orange football motif, light blue jeans and dirty trainers.

Scotland Yard said: "The attacker is obviously extremely dangerous and needs to be caught before he strikes again. We want to hear from anyone who may have seen him fleeing from the park or has any information about who he may be."

Neighbours said they believed the victim was walking alone towards the local community centre for the morning Bible class when she was attacked.

At the park yesterday Hazel Brogan, 56, a retired teacher, said: "I walk my dog every day in this park and I always feel safe. But I won't be back until this maniac is caught."

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Release of teen rapist criticised

A SENIOR policeman yesterday criticised the early release from custody of a schoolboy rapist who had been told to pay for a holiday for the victim.

The original lenient sentence on the 16-year-old by Judge Prosser caused outrage, and on appeal by the prosecution was increased to two years' youth custody.

Yesterday it emerged that the boy was released at the weekend after serving just over 11 months at a detention centre.

Det Chief Supt Mark Waters, head of Gwent CID, said: "The poor girl's family are horrified. There is something fundamentally wrong with the system when this can happen."

The rape victim, aged 15, was forced to move after her family discovered the attacker was being allowed weekend home leave.

At his home in Gwent the boy said yesterday: "I don't want to say anything because people don't want to listen to my side."

A spokesman for the boy's solicitor's said: "He has served his normal sentence under the law. We feel he should be left to get on with his life. He is only a young man and has a future ahead of him."

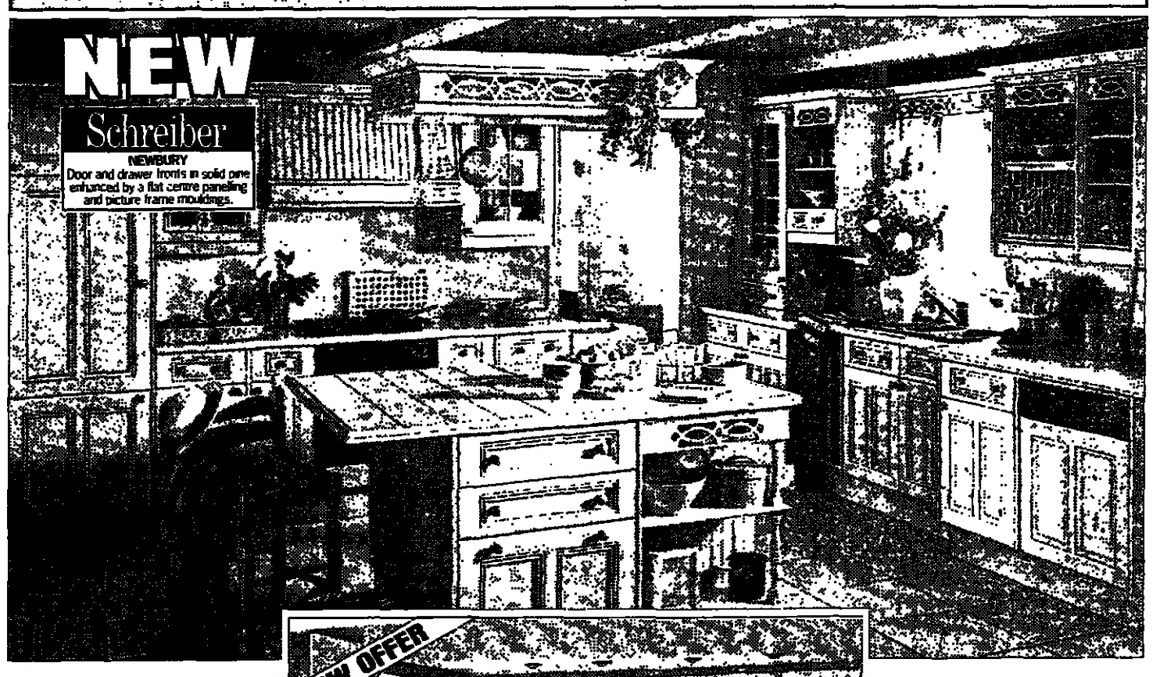
The Home Office said: "The system allows for him to be released after serving 50 per cent. But that is subject to recall and he could be put back into custody if there is a fault with his behaviour."

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Babies may be paying a high price for grandmother's habit

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A study shows that women who smoke might not only be damaging their own and their baby's health, but that of generations to come

SURPRISING results on the effects a woman's health during pregnancy can have on future generations were detailed in a report released by the Institute of Child Health in Bristol yesterday.

They could help explain a range of abnormalities — including declining sperm counts — that have emerged recently but have so far lacked convincing explanations.

Professor Jean Golding, who conducted the study, found that women who smoke while pregnant have daughters who themselves run a much higher risk of miscarriage or other complications during pregnancy. They also have sons with a greater chance of minor abnormalities, such as undescended testicles.

It has long been known that women who smoke have a greater chance of miscarrying and of having underweight babies. Miscarriage risks rise 27 per cent among these mothers.

Professor Golding found, after studying the pregnancies of 14,893 women in the Avon area, that the daughters of these women are 29 per cent more likely to have miscarriages, even if they do not smoke.

Professor Golding said: "It is quite feasible that a mother smoking during pregnancy is more likely to have an imbalance of her own sex hormones resulting in a disturbance in the way in which the reproductive organs of her own daughter evolve, with long-term consequences on the success of the daughter's pregnancies later in life."

Her findings confirm earlier work showing how influences during pregnancy can have long-term effects.

In 1944, German forces occupying The Netherlands deliberately denied food to the population. Women who were pregnant during the period had daughters of normal weight, but when the girls' later had babies they were of low birth-weight.

The same applied, says Professor Golding, to the daughters of women who took anti-convulsant drugs to treat epilepsy. A tragic example was the millions of women treated between 1948 and 1971 with a hormone called diethyistilboestrol (DES) to try to prevent miscarriages. When their daughters grew up, many suffered from cancers of the vagina or other disorders of the reproductive system.

Their sons had decreased sperm counts, undescended testicles and some evidence of an increase in testicular cancer. Scientists believe this occurred because the developing foetus was affected at a critical point by an altered hormone balance in the womb. Even small changes during this period could be enough to have significant effects on the subsequent reproductive success of the baby.

Evidence for such effects is mounting. Dr Neils Skakkebaek, of the University of Copenhagen, has traced sperm counts in Western man during the past 30 years, and has discovered a 50 per cent decline.

Over roughly the same period, testicular cancer has more than doubled, to become the most common form of cancer among young men. He also found that there had been a sharp rise in the incidence of more minor complications, such as undescended testicles.

The explanation offered for the changes has been the influence of hormones or hormone-like chemicals in the environment. There are thousands of possible candidates, to which Professor Golding's study has added a new one — smoking.

"We haven't measured sperm counts in the sons of mothers who smoked, but on our evidence so far, certainly smoking would have to be a candidate for causing those changes," she said.

Smoking is unlikely to be the sole cause because similar effects have been seen in wildlife. Professor Golding suggests that it is not implausible that some of the many chemicals in tobacco smoke mimic the behaviour and effects of natural hormones. The increas in smoking among women, comparatively recent develo ment, is on roughly the rig timescale to match the rise reproductive disorders.

"It is important that smok mothers are aware of these f ings so that they can ' informed decisions as to w' they wish to continue sr during pregnancy." Pr Golding said.

Karen Ford, of the Education Authority, wl anced the professor's stu "Professor Golding's makes us even more det to make sure that p women get all the he support possible from th tors and midwifes t smoking."

Smokers pass on ill effects from cradle to the grave

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE children of parents who smoke suffer more ill health, are more likely to be admitted to hospital and have reduced intelligence, according to specialists.

Up to a quarter of cot deaths are linked with passive smoking, the effects of which extend from the cradle to the grave and beyond.

New evidence presented at a Health Education Authority conference yesterday suggests that smoking during pregnancy may reduce the fertility of a woman's unborn daughter, as well as increasing the risk of miscarriage.

Studies also show that children who live in smoking households are shorter, have smaller airways in their lungs and suffer more asthma and respiratory infections. Allergies are five times more common and cases of glue ear are 30 per cent more common.

Half the households in Britain contain at least one smoker and four million children aged ten or under live with a mother or father who smokes.

The Health Education Authority estimates that hospital admissions of children under five could be cut by 17,000 if they were not exposed to their parents' smoking.

Estimates in the US suggest that if mothers did not smoke, 8.5 per cent of the budget for newborn babies would be saved as a result.

Speaking at the conference yesterday, Anne Diamond, the television personality, attacked "lily livered sycophants" in the Government for failing to ban cigarette advertising. She said it was "pathetic" that the only action being taken to halt tobacco company promotion was through a private member's Bill due in the Commons next week.

MPs are expected to grant a second reading to the Bill, sponsored by Kevin Barron, Labour MP for Rother Valley, which would outlaw tobacco advertising. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary who opposes an advertising ban, will attempt to defuse the growing row over the issue by announcing tougher voluntary controls over tobacco promotion.

Ms Diamond, whose infant son was a cot death victim two years ago, warned mothers of the dangers of smoking during pregnancy. She said the Health Secretary had declined an invitation to attend the conference.

"Virginia Bottomley was invited to be here today in my place, and she pulled out. I wonder why? Could it be that the Government's position on smoking is indefensible and she cannot face us? It is pathetic that what is needed — strong action for a total ban on tobacco advertising and promotion — has to come from a private member's Bill next week and isn't already Government policy."

Ms Diamond, who does not smoke, said she was astonished at people's reactions to her personal tragedy. She said they slapped her on the back and told her to cheer up and have another baby. But what children needed now was a strong message about the dangers of smoking "and a Government willing to stub smoking out, not lily-livered sycophants who slap you on the back and, rather like cigarettes, say 'cheer up, you can always have another one'."

Ms Diamond claimed Mrs Bottomley acknowledged that a tobacco advertising ban would save lives, but anti-smoking campaigners had to fight against a tobacco tax revenue to the Government of about £24 million a day.

Later, a Health Department spokesman said: "The authority has known since last November that Mrs Bottomley would not be there."

The conference also heard that the damaging effects of passive smoking are felt in later life. Research to be published in a leading medical journal this week will show that passive smoking at work increases the risk of heart disease among adults.

A year ago Stockport council became the first employer in Britain to pay compensation to a member of its staff who was exposed to cigarette smoke at work. Veronica Bland, 36, an information officer with the council, won £15,000 in an out of court settlement for illnesses she says she contracted over ten years working with smokers.

Figures compiled by the Health Education Authority show that treating smokers' illnesses costs the NHS £1.67 million a day. A further £1 million a week is spent on drugs for smokers who visit their GPs eight times more often than non-smokers.

A study in last week's *British Medical Journal* showed that health checks by nurses did nothing to help people stop smoking and concluded that "more effective public health policies on tobacco control" were needed.

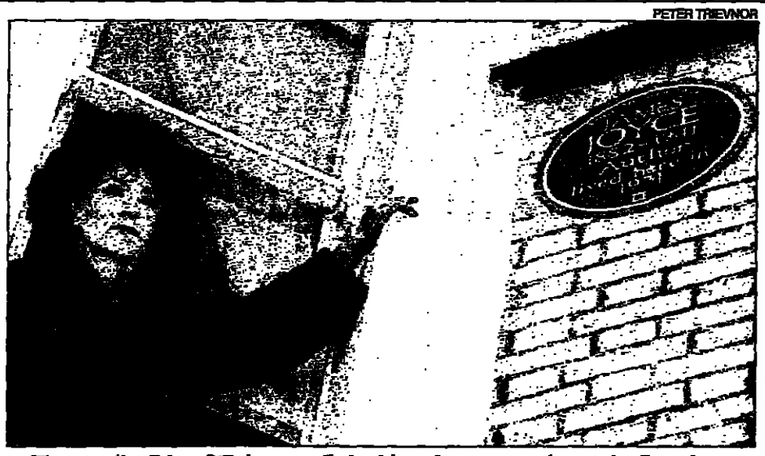
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PETER



Anne Diamond, speaking at the conference, attacked "lily-livered sycophants" who would not ban tobacco advertising for fear of losing £24 million a day in tax revenue

PETER TRIEVNOR



The novelist Edna O'Brien unveiled a blue plaque yesterday at the flat where James Joyce worked on the final draft of *Finnegans Wake*. Joyce so disliked 28B Campden Grove, Kensington, west London, that he dubbed it Campden Grave

Doctor is refused 1,000 jobs

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE case of a hospital doctor who has been turned down for more than a thousand jobs is being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equality.

Dr Tariq Ahmed Mian of Nottingham, a specialist in tropical medicine, is working temporarily as a junior doctor at a psychiatric hospital in South Wales. He said he was being used as cheap labour. "Junior doctors are not allowed to work long hours any more and there is increased demand for temporary labour from what is basically a nomadic band of people who are well qualified but who are facing widespread discrimination."

The Commission on Racial Equality is seeking counsel's opinion on alleged discrimination by the NHS executive in Scotland, where Dr Mian applied for a job.

Dr Mian, a British citizen, qualified in Pakistan in 1978 and worked abroad before obtaining limited registration in Britain in 1985. Since then he has obtained two MSc degrees and studied at the London School of Tropical Medicine. He said: "I want to be a public health specialist, but I'm getting nowhere. Every time they see you have limited registration, they don't want to know. I have applied for more than a thousand jobs over the last few years."

'Bhopal-style' disaster averted

BY RONALD FAUX

TWO hundred firemen who fought flames engulfing a chemical plant in Cheshire were praised yesterday for averting a Bhopal-style disaster.

Firefighters said they came within 20 minutes of having to abandon the chemical blaze at the Associated Octel plant in Ellesmere Port which would have resulted in a massive escape of deadly chlorine gas.

The blaze followed an explosion as plant workers tried to seal a leak of toxic ethyl chloride gas. Neighbouring petro-chemical plants were evacuated and villages downwind of the plant were alerted.

The fire was extinguished early yesterday more than 200,000 gallons of foam were sprayed on the plant.

Five firefighters and a plant worker were taken to hospital but none was seriously hurt.

A Cheshire fire brigade spokesman said there had been the constant danger of a second explosion as firemen tackled the 30ft flames, which reached two larger gas tanks nearby.

Ralph Ryder, chairman of the Ellesmere Port clean air committee, said the firemen acted magnificently. "There is no doubt they saved the town of Ellesmere Port and I cannot praise them enough. It could have been worse than Bhopal but for the wind blowing the other way."

Dennis Davis, Cheshire's Chief Fire Officer, said his fire crews managed to contain the inferno with 20 minutes to spare. Derek Bateman, a county councillor, said a second explosion would have led to widespread devastation. He called for talks to begin on the relocation of the plant.

Nearly 4,000 people were killed and 20,000 injured when wind blew poison gas from the Union Carbide chemical plant at Bhopal, India, in December 1984.

One in six sandwiches 'harmful'

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

A SANDWICH break could be a health hazard, according to a survey by the consumer magazine *Which?*. One in six of the sandwiches it tested contained harmful bacteria.

Dangerous levels of bacteria that can cause food poisoning were found in sandwiches that had been left on the shelf for too long or prepared unhygienically — regardless of the type of filling.

The magazine tested 132 sandwiches and found that 16 per cent contained various bacteria that can cause stomach-related illness, especially in children and pregnant women. Some of the snacks contained Listeria monocytogenes which can lead to the rare, but serious disease of listeriosis. This causes flu-like symptoms but can lead to miscarriages and birth problems.

"If the sandwich is left lying around for as little as four hours — less in a warm place — it can be harmful," Diane McCrea, *Which?*'s head of food and health, said.

According to the survey, sandwiches bought in newsagents, garages and bakeries are more likely to be contaminated.

BBC offers cheap airtime to firms

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENCE

BBC1 is to sell its early morning airtime to companies wanting to provide information about their services and products. The cut-price airtime on national public service television is being offered in five or ten-minute "mini" programmes at little more than a £1,000 a minute.

Although the BBC, as a publicly funded broadcaster, cannot allow its airtime to be used for advertising, companies will be able to use the slots for indirect promotion. Under the scheme, retailers will be able to demonstrate new products, although they will not be permitted to give the price.

Companies will also be allowed to promote their "mini" programmes offscreen and launch competitions based on them. Supermaket chains, for example, could run advertisements elsewhere offering money off shopping to customers able to answer questions based on the broadcast.

Companies will pay less than £7,000 for five minutes of BBC national airtime between 5.30am and 6am, just before the start of the BBC's early morning programmes, *Business Breakfast* and *Breakfast News*. The airtime cost of a 30-second slot on ITV during GMTV's breakfast show is about £7,000.

Advertising industry sources expressed surprise at the move. "The BBC is sailing very close to the wind about what is acceptable on a publicly funded broadcaster," one said.

Bryan Hall of BMH Communications, the marketing company providing the service in conjunction with the BBC, said programmes would have to be based around a company meeting, such as an employee open day or a press conference, in order to remain inside the BBC's advertising restrictions.

"We have had tremendous interest. Big groups such as banks could use it to inform people about credit card fraud. Smaller companies could use it too because it is so cheap," Mr Hall said.

Production of a five-minute programme is likely to cost about £8,500 on top of the £6,666 transmission charge, bringing the total to just over £15,000. A ten-minute show would cost just under £22,000.

Programmes will be listed in *Radio Times* and national newspapers alongside other listings. Although BBC1's audience at 6am is only about 0.2 million, most viewers are expected to videotape programmes.

The "mini" programmes will be shown on the last Thursday of each month and the first could be broadcast within the next few weeks.

Societies disagree or house price

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices fell 0.4 pe cent last month, the Halifa Building Society said yeste day. Its report conflicts wit figures published earlier thi week from the Nationwide which said prices rose by 0. per cent in January.

John Wriglesworth, hous ing analyst at the broker UBS, said: "A 0.4 per cent fall in prices does not worry me because prices are still up on a year ago and the increase in transactions confirms that prices next month and the month after are likely to rise."

The Halifax said the fall might have been influenced by impending tax rises knocking confidence in the property market. The Halifax said the price of an average home dropped to £61,133 in January after a revised 0.6 per cent fall in December. Gary Marsh, head of research at the Halifax, said he was slightly surprised by the fall, when it had been thought that the market, though fragile, had stabilised.

Prices were nevertheless 1.1 per cent higher than January 1993 and overall actvity in the market continued to show signs of picking up, the Halifax said. It remained confident that, with general economic improvement, prices would resume their gradual upward course and finish the year about 5 per cent higher than at the end of 1993.

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Roedean throws off image as rich girls' finishing school

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

■ A tough inspection shows that a famous school has responded effectively to changing demands while retaining its traditions

ONE of the most famous girls' schools won a glowing testimonial from inspectors yesterday after acting as a guinea-pig for the Government's new scheme to monitor independent education.

Roedean School, near Brighton, hopes that its report from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), will help to dispel a public image of an elite academy akin to a finishing school. Ann Longley, the headmistress, said: "We have been the butt of music-hall jokes and media misrepresentation. This should demonstrate that we are a highly academic, forward-thinking school."

The three inspectors who compiled their report from a week's observation and interviews could find no area of major concern. "Roedean is an excellent school with a deservedly high reputation. It is responding effectively to changing demands, while retaining essential features of its traditions."

The only mild criticisms involved planning and management, an underuse of information technology and a suggestion that the most able pupils could be set more adventurous work. Mrs Longley said the school accepted as a "timely reminder" the need to go beyond the requirements of examinations.

As the £12,000-a-year school overlooking the sea opened its doors again yesterday — this time to the press — the girls supported the inspectors' verdict. Emily Williams, the head of school, who plans to read history at St John's College, Cambridge, said: "Many of the girls' views are voiced in the report. It was useful because it presents an objective view of the school."

Roedean was given less than a month's notice of the inspection, a considerably shorter period than that given to state schools selected by Ofsted. The process was much more rigorous than that associated with independent schools' own inspection systems.

Mrs Longley said: "Our soul has been laid bare to the entire nation. All parents know exactly what is going on inside Roedean. For a whole week the inspectors were running all over the buildings. If they had been unhappy about anything, we could not have hidden it."

> "We have been the butt of music-hall jokes. This should demonstrate that we are a highly academic, forward-thinking school"

The school was particularly pleased with the inspectors' praise for its boarding arrangements. Virtually all the pupils are boarders, although day-girls are admitted in the sixth form. The report said: "The community of Roedean is lively, friendly and supportive. The girls behave in an exemplary manner. During their time at Roedean, girls grow into confident, articulate, competent and independent young women. Boarding plays an integral part in enabling the school to achieve its aims."

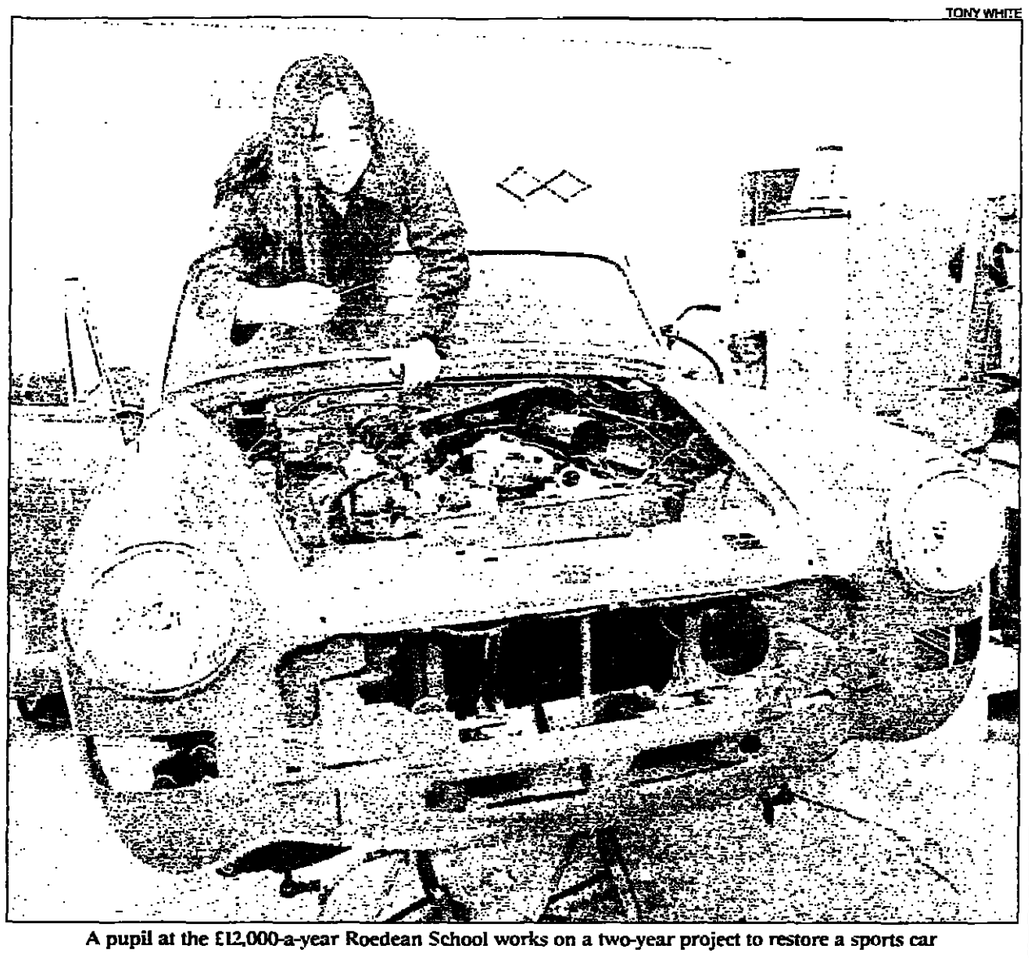
Places in the sixth form have been in greater demand than ever but numbers have been dropping in the younger age groups. Parents no longer put their daughters' names down at birth for places in the junior school. Only 19 joined last year at 11 and a number deferred entry for two years. Mrs Longley said: "There seems to be a trend away from boarding at a young age but mainly we put it down to the recession."

Although not at the top of the examination league tables, the school has 97 per cent of pupils achieving A to C grades at GCSE and almost all girls going on to higher education. A fifth receive some help with fees and a further fifth come from abroad.

The pupils are as anxious as their teachers to live down the image of a refuge for upper-class girls of variable intellect. Fiona Cameron-Moore, who has been at Roedean for nine years, said: "The school is not at all the way it is painted. There have been great changes for the better in my time here, and there is now a lot of contact with other schools."

Phoebe Glen, whose mother and grandmother both attended the school, said: "I am probably the archetypal Roedean girl in terms of my background. But the school is certainly not full of people from rich families now, if it ever was."

TONY WHITE



A pupil at the £12,000-a-year Roedean School works on a two-year project to restore a sports car

Inspectors seek secret of success

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STATE schools which raced up the national GCSE league table last summer are to be investigated by inspectors seeking the secret of examination success. The Office for Standards in Education will visit 15 improving schools in a quest for role models to help the one in five urban secondary schools it estimates is struggling.

Inspectors will also select 50 schools where fewer than one in ten pupils gained five or more GCSEs at good grades — 25 per cent of the national average — to identify the roots of examination failure. Professor Stewart Sutherland, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said teams would establish which strategies for raising pupil performance were most effective and check how rigorously schools analysed their own examination results.

He also confirmed that the office was taking extra measures to lift standards in schools found to have serious weaknesses but judged not to be failing.

Under the plans, disclosed in *The Times* last month, inspectors will closely monitor borderline schools that do not quite warrant direct Government intervention.

The GCSE initiative highlights the direction inspection is taking as the office begins to build an information bank based on reports by freelance inspectors. From September, more than 6,000 reports on individual schools will be published annually, compared with several hundred under the old regime.

A spokeswoman for the office said: "We aim to build a data base that will allow us to see at the push of a button, for example, whether girls at single-sex schools do better at science."

John Patten, the Education Secretary, said: "I have been concerned that some schools, while not judged to be failing, are nevertheless found by inspectors to have serious problems."

Single thief trebles force's crime figures

A SHOPLIFTER serving a prison term has confessed to 1,800 offences, but will not be prosecuted for any of them.

The 25-year-old, who is serving a 2½-year sentence for burglary, admitted his personal crime-wave to police officers after he was jailed.

Police said the man had admitted thefts stretching back six years and wanted to make a clean breast of his life of crime.

The man's activities more than trebled last year's crime figures for north Oxfordshire, where the number of reported crimes rose by 24 per cent. When his raids were deducted, the increase was just 7 per cent. The thefts ranged from a Mars bar to an electric drill. Supt Alan Partridge, head of Banbury police, said: "We have to take a decision on whether it is in the public interest to prosecute him further in respect of these offences. He is already serving a substantial term of imprisonment. It is unlikely that taking him to court will add substantially to that so it is not worthwhile to do it."

He said officers believed the man's confessions and were not surprised by his story.

"You stop being surprised once you have been doing this job for a number of years. But this is certainly one of the biggest confessions in my experience."

Man 'hid guns unknowingly'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN accused of being part of an active IRA unit revealed the whereabouts of a buried cache of arms and explosives because he was worried about the safety of children, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

John Kinsella, 49, said he had no idea that the sports bag he buried on a friend's allotment contained Semtex and guns. He said he had been offered money by Pairic MacFhloinn and Michael Timmins to look after the bag and was told it contained stolen goods. He said he met the two men through Denis Kinsella, his nephew.

John Nutting, for the prosecution, alleged that Denis Kinsella, Mr MacFhloinn and Mr Timmins were a three-man IRA active service unit which planted bombs at a Warrington gas works a year ago. He said that as they made their getaway they were stopped by police and shot PC Mark Toker.

Mr MacFhloinn and Denis Kinsella were caught after a high-speed chase along the M62. Mr Timmins has yet to be arrested. John Kinsella was arrested later and told police he realised the bag might not contain stolen goods and decided to tell them where it was.

"There was a football pitch near the allotment and schoolchildren played there and people walked past," he said. "There was no way I could keep quiet. Whatever happens I have a clear conscience."

Denis Kinsella and Mr MacFhloinn, of Dublin, who has not given evidence, deny causing an explosion, attempting to murder PC Toker, causing him grievous bodily harm, kidnapping a motorist and possessing a firearm. John Kinsella, of Nottingham, denies possessing Semtex.

He said that while he was awaiting trial in Belmarsh prison, London, he received threats about giving evidence and tried to commit suicide. Asked by his counsel, Helena Kennedy QC, if he was still afraid, he said: "Tell me anyone who wouldn't be."

The trial continues.

Mother took revenge after rape allegation

A MOTHER who took revenge and attacked a man she believed had raped her 17-year-old daughter was jailed for 18 months yesterday.

Although a full police enquiry was held into the rape claim there was not enough evidence to prosecute, Lincoln Crown Court was told.

Barbara Sutherland, 45, of Lincoln, admitted wounding Andrew Whyles with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Her husband Alexander, 48, admitted assaulting him and was jailed for six months.

Judge Richard Benson lifted any restriction on reporting the couple's names, saying he felt the case should be fully reported and that it would be impossible if he did not. David Matthews, for the prosecution, said the rape complaint was made in August last year after the couple's daughter spent a night at Mr Whyles's caravan home at Whaplode, Lincolnshire.

Some weeks later the couple and at least one other man launched a "vicious attack" on Mr Whyles in his caravan. He was slashed in the face with a kitchen knife and Barbara Sutherland had grabbed Mr Whyles by his hair and kicked him in the groin.

Sarah Munro, for the defence, said in mitigation that the family had been devastated after their daughter claimed she had been raped.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother is raped in city centre

A mother was raped yards from a city centre police station as she walked to work in the early hours.

The 45-year-old woman was seized from behind and pulled onto grass beside a railway embankment and opposite a bus garage. Her cries for help went unnoticed. The ten-minute ordeal happened near Millgarth police station, Leeds, at 5.40 am on Tuesday.

Police said the distraught shop assistant went home, showered and changed. They are searching for a bin liner containing the clothes she was raped in, which she had later thrown from her car.

Airport escape

Six workmen at the bottom of a 115 ft shaft at Heathrow airport were saved when 2 in steel mesh suspended 4 ft above their heads held a 23-tonne tipper lorry that plunged over the edge. The driver was slightly hurt.

Triumph jobs

The Triumph motorcyle co-operative is to quadruple its site at Hinckley, Leicestershire, to add 300 jobs to its workforce of 250 and create 700 jobs among suppliers.

Fish setback

Brittany Ferries suspended taking fish lorries to Roscoff, Britanny, after French fishermen dumped one vehicle's cargo on the dock in protest at foreign competition.

Penitent thief

A Jacobean oak plaque stolen last year from a church at Staunton, Hereford and Worcester, has been posted back anonymously from Australia.

Badgered

The leader of an Isle of Wight badger protection group needed surgery after a badger he was taking to a vet bit his hand.

Train saved

The driver of a Middlesbrough commuter train stopped in time after vandals laid metal pipes and wooden planks across the line.

Chemical blast

Two workers suffered facial burns in an explosion at a chemical factory in Wollaston, Northamptonshire.

Red sales

A Ramsgate company has exported ten traditional amusement arcade machines to Chinese leisure centres.

Bond winner

The £250,000 premium bond monthly prize has been won by no. 24DP 500169 (winner lives in Norfolk, value of holding £10,000).



KEENE on CHESS

Championship's future plans

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Professional Chess Association, which was formed last year and staged *The Times* world championship between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, will today announce its plans for the next two years.

The quarter-finals of the world championship will see Nigel Short (UK) facing Boris Gulko (USA). Other matches are Michael Adams (UK) v Sergei Tiviakov (Russia), Gata Kamsky (USA) v Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) and Vishy Anand (India) v Oleg Romanishin (Ukraine).

The quarter-finals will be held in New York in June, the semi-finals in Barcelona in September and the final in London during February next year. The overall winner faces Garry Kasparov for the world title and there are high hopes that this will also be in London.

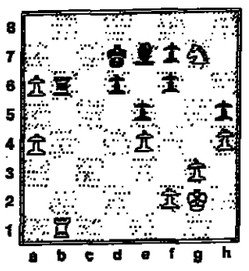
Peter's power

The following game was played during the recent grandmaster tournament at Wijk aan Zee, which saw Peter Leko, 14, become the world's youngest grandmaster.

White: Peter Leko
Black: Sergei Tiviakov
Wijk aan Zee, January 1994
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5	10	Bh4	e5
2	Nf3	d6	11	Nf5	Bxf5
3	d4	cxd4	12	Qxf5	Qd7
4	Nxd4	Nf6	13	Qf3	Qg4
5	Nc3	Nc6	14	Qxg4	Nxg4
6	Bg5	e6	15	h3	Nf6
7	Bb5	Bd7	16	Bxd6	gxf6
8	Bxc6	bxc6	17	0-0	Rb8
9	Of3	h6	18	b3	Rg8
			19	Rad1	Rb4
			20	Rd3	Be7
			21	Re1	Kd7
			22	Nd1	Ke6
			23	c3	Rb7
			24	Ne3	Bf8
			25	Red1	Rd7
			26	Kf1	Rg5
			27	g3	Rd8
			28	Ke2	Rg8
			29	c4	Be7
			30	Nf5	Bf8
			31	h4	Rd7
			32	b4	a6
			33	Ra3	Re7
			34	Rad3	Rd7
			35	Kf3	h5
			36	Ra3	Re7
			37	Ra5	Be7
			38	b5	cxb5
			39	cxb5	Rb8
			40	Ng7+	Kd7
			41	Rxa6	Rxa6
			42	bxa6	Rb2
			43	a4	Rb3+
			44	Kg2	Rb6
			45	Rb1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White's 45th move is an elegant means of forcing victory. If in response 45 ... Rxb1 then 46 a7 promotes a pawn. Alternatively if 45 ... Rxa6 then 46 Rb7+ is decisive.

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Scientists say car pollution is forcing Londoners to breath carcinogens equivalent to 15 cigarettes a day

Government urged to cut benzene levels

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITONS are breathing in potentially dangerous levels of a carcinogenic chemical, the Government admitted yesterday as it published recommendations for limits on benzene in air.

But a limit that ensured nobody was exposed to hazardous amounts could not be achieved overnight, scientific advisers said.

Yesterday they called for an interim level on benzene concentrations in the air of five parts per billion (ppb) averaged over the year but urged the Government to to plan a limit soon of one part per billion.

At the moment, somebody breathing London's air is inhaling amounts of benzene equivalent to smoking about 15 cigarettes a day.

Professor Anthony Seaton, chairman of the independent panel on air quality standards, which has recommended the limits, said they had taken a pragmatic approach because some people might be more at risk from benzene than others. "Because of the uncertainties and because it is a genotoxic carcinogen, one which hits the DNA, it was felt the less benzene in the air the better," he said.

The decision to act over benzene follows growing public alarm over car-related air pollution. Studies in animals and humans have shown that benzene, 78 per cent of which comes from car fumes in Britain, accumulates in bone marrow and brain tissue and causes leukaemias. In very high doses it is lethal.

Robert Atkins, the environment minister, said yesterday that daily bulletins on benzene levels would be issued from 12 new monitoring stations.

Environment Department officials said yesterday they would also be publishing a consultation document on how they planned to meet the panel's targets. They said meeting the interim, 5ppb limit should be possible but admitted that some parts of Britain might still exceed the guidelines.

Better engine designs, tougher MoT emission tests and the phasing in of catalytic converters should achieve reductions in benzene levels.

However, meeting the tougher level would be harder as the number of cars on the roads overwhelmed technological improvements. They said a variety of measures would be necessary.

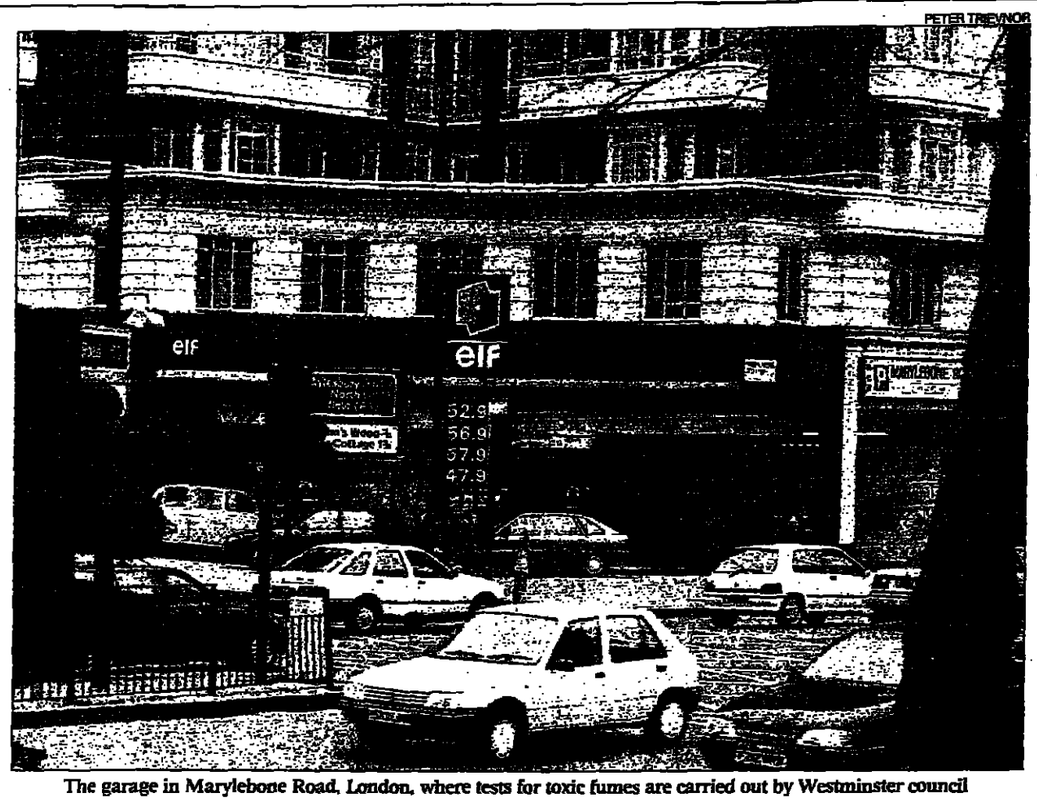
Professor Seaton, of the University of Aberdeen's medical school, said diesel cars were not the answer. Although they produce less benzene, they produce more of a range of pollutants also linked with cancer including particulates and 1,3 butadiene.

The recommendations on benzene levels are the first of a series to be produced by the panel, covering up to 100 air pollutants, many of which are linked with car fumes.

Figures in the report show that London's air occasionally breaks the interim limit and often breaks the stricter one of 1pbb. During 1991 and 1992, for example, measurements in Knightsbridge showed an average annual concentration of 6 parts per billion; in December 1991 concentrations peaked at around 13ppb.Rural levels at Harwell, Oxfordshire, fluctuated between 1.7 and 0.4ppb.

Other research has indicated that benzene levels inside cars are higher than outside. Professor Seaton said: "If you are in a traffic jam with the heater sucking in the exhaust of the car in front, it is quite plausible you can get higher levels of all sorts of things."

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The garage in Marylebone Road, London, where tests for toxic fumes are carried out by Westminster council

Watchdogs sniff out city's hot spots

BY TONY DAWE AND JACK CROSSLEY



TWO or three times a week, a petrol tanker calls at the Elf garage on Marylebone Road, central London. As it fills the garage's storage tanks, vapour containing benzene and toluene, chemicals that in large doses can cause cancer, escape into the air.

The vapour drifts upwards and is caught in a beam of light shining from the top of Madame Tussaud's across to Westminster Council House.

The light is part of the council's pollution monitoring equipment. Last week, as the tanker unloaded, a 30 per cent increase in the amount of benzene in the atmosphere and a 20 per cent increase in toluene were recorded.

They are just two of the pollutants that are being recorded in increasing amounts in London. This month, for the first time, the information from Westminster and other London boroughs carrying out automatic air monitoring will be presented in collated form by the new London Air Quality Network.

John Rice, a director of the South East Institute of Public Health, which helped to establish the network, said that the information would help research into links between air pollution and poor health and indicate where preventive action needed to be taken.

"We still get days when sulphur dioxide, which helped cause the smogs, exceeds World Health Organisation guidelines," Chris Cawley, Westminster's principal environmental health officer, said. "But the worst pollution is caused by vehicles, which create much of the carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and hydrocarbons such as benzene and toluene which are in the atmosphere."

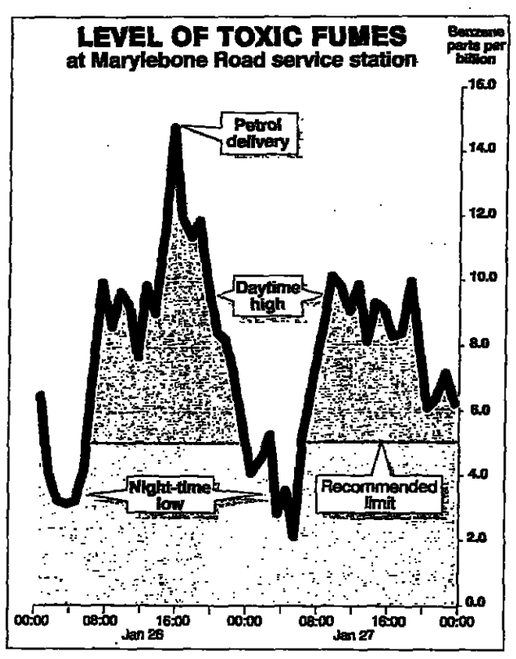
Benzene is linked to leukaemia and Mr Cawley estimates that the concentration in Westminster could cause 13 cases of cancer per year in the capital.

Westminster council has proved beyond doubt the link between carbon monoxide and traffic. Using a Marksman traffic pollution counter, his team has found that levels of carbon monoxide rise in direct proportion to the number of passing vehicles.

Mr Cawley hopes the new monitoring equipment will identify "hot spots" so that traffic planners can consider ways of improving the flow of vehicles and the public can be made aware of the areas where they are most at risk.

Westminster has already found that "canyon streets" such as the Strand and Victoria Street record high levels of vehicle-induced pollution because they carry heavy traffic and are lined by high buildings with only a few narrow side-streets between them.

Mr Rice said the pollutants that most concerned him were ozone and particulates "which can get into the lungs and stay there". Particulates, which come mostly from diesel engines, were highlighted in a government report last week as posing a "serious impact" on air quality. Ozone is caused by a reaction of sunlight on other pollutants and is more prevalent in rural areas.



Drivers face roadside checks

BY TONY DAWE

NEW powers to curb vehicles that belch out exhaust fumes and to stop drivers from leaving engines running unnecessarily are being demanded by officials in the London borough of Westminster.

In a report to a council committee this week, environment health officers call for a campaign to push a London Bill through Parliament to help them to control vehicle pollution, the major source of air pollution in the borough.

They want the power to carry out random roadside checks on the exhausts of all vehicles and to order the owners of polluting vehicles to make them harmless within 14 days.

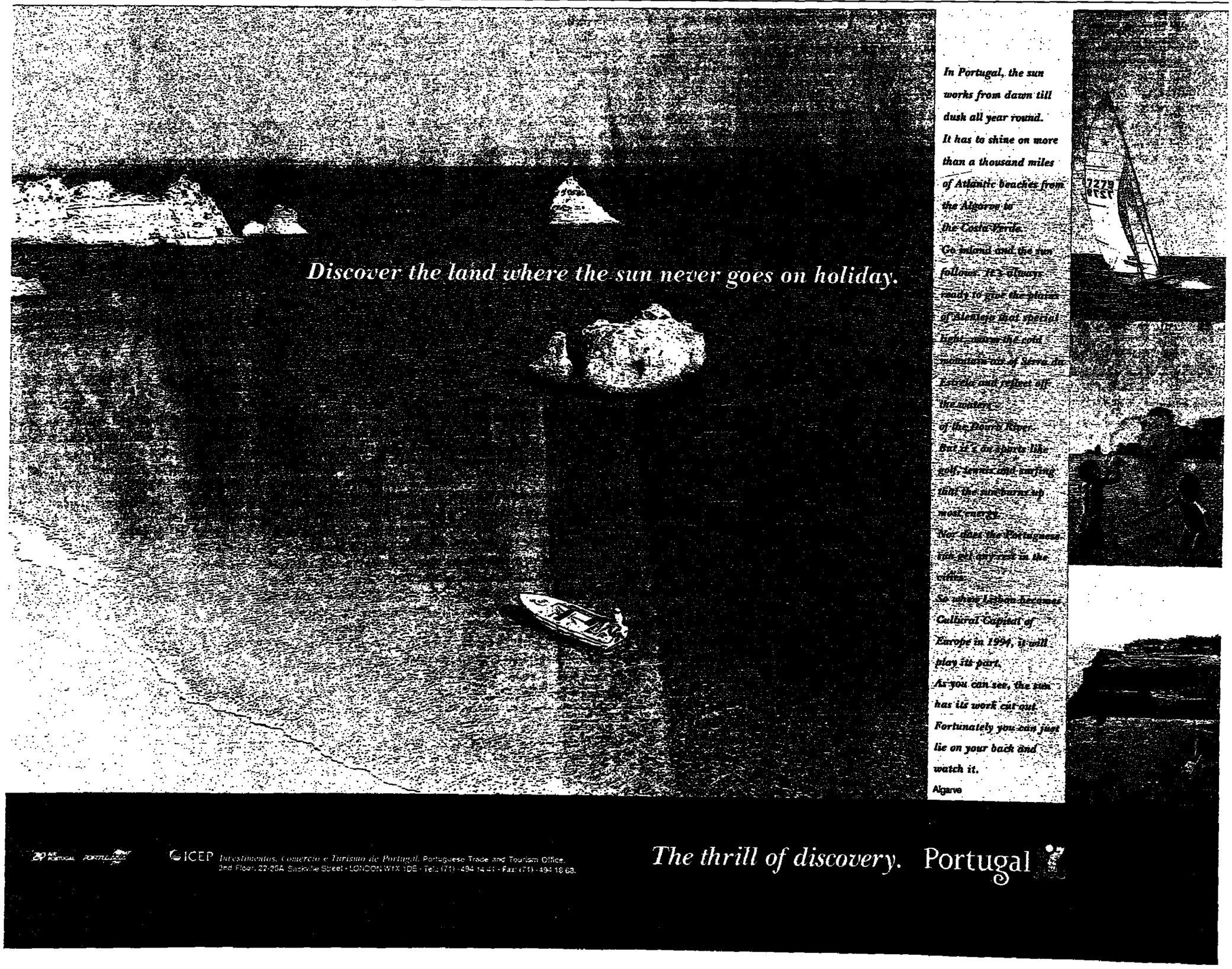
The officials are also calling for powers to stop "the running without good cause of engines when vehicles are stationary", a particular problem with coaches and delivery vehicles.

Chris Cawley, Westminster's principal environmental health officer, said: "One in five of the vehicles we currently check with the police's help in our exhaust watch scheme is breaking the law as far as emissions are concerned.

"But we have no legal powers to do anything about it. We can just give them advice. If a Department of Transport vehicle inspector is with us, he can act, but the inspectors are very thin on the ground."

Exhaust emissions now form part of the MoT test, but Mr Cawley said: "Everybody can get their vehicle tuned for one day a year. It's what happens on the other 364 which matters."

The report to Westminster's parliamentary and public affairs committee says that there are significant periods when the air quality in the borough exceeds national and international standards. It names the key pollutants as nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and hydro-carbons.



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Pallbearer driven into hiding by anger at Busby pictures

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE undertaker's assistant alleged to have tried to sell photographs he took of Sir Matt Busby in his coffin was in hiding yesterday.

Tom Gibbons, 41, is understood to have been advised by police to leave his home in Wythenshawe, Manchester, with his wife and child because of the outrage caused by the news of his arrest.

Mr Gibbons was released on bail on Tuesday after being held under the Public Order Act when he allegedly tried to sell the photographs, taken just before Sir Matt's funeral last week, to *The Sun* newspaper, which called in the police.

Greater Manchester police would not comment on reports that detectives who searched the pallbearer's home allegedly found two name tags taken from Sir Matt's body and clippings of hair. Mr Gibbons, who walked in front of Sir Matt's coffin as it was carried from Our Lady and St John's Roman Catholic Church in Chorlton, Manchester, is alleged to have demanded £150,000 for the photographs of the former Manchester United manager and club president.

The church where Sir Matt worshipped for 40 years was filled for the requiem Mass last Thursday and thousands turned out to pay their respects after his death at the age of 84.

Sir Matt's son Sandy said yesterday: "All the family are broken-hearted. What more can you say? There has to be something wrong with someone who could do this. I feel sorry for his family and friends. I wish to place on record that the undertakers did a marvellous job with the funeral. But in every profession there is a bit of scum hiding. If I was him I would go and hide in a hole. If he has any decency he will pass over the photographs and negatives to the police to burn them."

Mr Busby also praised the handling of the situation by *The Sun*. The first he heard of the allegations was when *Manchester United rang him* on Tuesday night, Mr Busby said. "They said: 'Are you sitting down? We have something upsetting to tell you'."

Then Eamonn Kennedy, the undertaker, arrived at the house with his wife and young son. "Eamonn was crying. He was very, very distressed. Our families have known each other for 35 years. He had absolutely no idea what was going on," Mr Busby said.

A senior member of Mr Kennedy's firm, which knew nothing of the photographs, said he was "absolutely disgusted". He added of the pallbearer: "He is a traitor to our families and the funeral trade in general. He was a self-employed funeral assistant who was with us for two years."

Father Lionel Murray, the parish priest at Our Lady and St John, who was comforting Sir Matt's relatives yesterday, said he was shocked and amazed that such an alleged intrusion could have taken place. "I have never come across anything like this in 40 years as a priest," he added.

About 90 past and present Manchester United players, including George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law, attended the moving service for the legendary football figure last week.



Gibbons: released on police bail



An eight-year-old girl has become the youngest student to pass a GCSE in computer studies. Sonali Pandya, from Queensbury, northwest London, learnt how to use a computer only a year ago. She plans to sit an A level in two years

Patient's family awarded £15,000

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY that had to pay for private health care after a stroke victim was discharged from hospital has won more than £15,000 in compensation.

In a decision that could have implications for thousands of patients, the health service ombudsman has severely criticised the hospital for discharging the patient to a private nursing home and telling his family that they would have to pay the fees.

William Reid, the ombudsman, considered the case so serious that for the first time he has made a separate report to Parliament and notified Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary. The case has wide implications for the NHS, which has increasingly been divesting itself of responsibility for the long-term care of the chronically ill.

The 55-year-old man, who spent 18 months in a neurosurgical ward at Leeds General Infirmary after suffering a stroke, was discharged after a consultant decided nothing more could be done for him. The man needed full nursing care. He was incontinent, had no mobility and was unable to communicate or feed himself. He also had a kidney tumour, cataracts in both eyes and occasional epileptic fits.

Leeds Health Authority, in common with many others, said the purpose of the neurosurgical ward was to provide only active treatment and its policy made no provision for continuing care. The consultant in charge agreed they had a duty to provide care but said it "might lead to the rationing of other services".

The ombudsman ruled that the situation amounted to a "failure in service". The authority agreed to pay for the man's nursing home costs, which are £330 a week, and is paying the wife a lump sum to cover the costs incurred since he was transferred.

Mr Reid said there had been "five or six" patients in the ward at the time who had also been discharged to nursing homes. He had received several similar complaints about other health authorities.

Leeds Health Care said it had considered that continuing nursing care "should be provided within a community setting" funded by social security benefits, but would now review its policy.

Car vandal risks Bible bashing

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE timing was immaculate. Just as the preacher reached that part of his sermon where he pleaded with the congregation to show greater understanding of the problems of youth, a huge crash was heard outside the Stockton Unitarian Church. It was the sound of a local youth putting a brick through the window of the preacher's car.

"I could not believe it," Robin Boyes, the Cleveland preacher, said. "There I was trying to convince a captive audience that provided they looked they could find the spirit of God in any child — and all hell broke loose."

Mr Boyes, 54, confessed that for a moment his own teaching went out the window. "I was stunned because the car is my pride and joy. I did say I would love to get my hands on the little sod who did it so I could give him some words of the Lord. I was so annoyed the little devil might literally have got a bashing with my Bible.

"Yet I stand by what I said. The culprit needs some advice on how best to use his spare time, like joining the church."

Sleeping woman's rapist jailed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who tricked his best friend's fiancée into sleeping with him was yesterday jailed for five years for rape.

The 31-year-old woman told the jury at the Old Bailey that she had gone to sleep on her own leaving her fiancé and his friend in the living room. She said: "I felt a movement and someone stroking my body. I thought it was my fiancé. Who else could it be?

"I was still half asleep. My eyes were closed. I turned to him. He got on top of me. Then he kissed me. I felt something was wrong."

She told the jury: "I opened my eyes and I saw the defendant's face. I pushed him away. I was shouting at him. He came towards me. I picked up a butcher's knife on the table next to me. I hit him across the neck with the knife. He ran from the room."

The court was told that the woman's fiancé had fallen asleep in the living room. He was woken by her screams and the police were called.

Ziana Elbekkay, 30, a chef, of Islington, north London, was found guilty of raping the woman on July 11 last year.

Australians drink till they shrink

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BRISBANE

AUSTRALIANS drink so much they have the world's highest incidence of permanent memory loss, according to a leading pathologist.

Professor Clive Harper of Sydney University estimates that between five and six million Australians out of a total population of only 17 million, suffer some degree of brain damage induced by drinking.

Announcing the findings yesterday, Professor Harper said that brain shrinkage among Australians was particularly marked in those consuming 12 or more drinks a day, those who start at lunchtime, have a few more after work, and top up later in the evening.

But he also suggested that brain damage was occurring among those who had five to eight drinks a day, and among binge drinkers.

The news follows the disclosure that Australians are only in the second division of world beer consumption. The shortfall appears to be made up by the country's excellent selection of wines.

Alcohol does not appear to damage IQ, except in very large amounts. Its main effects are on judgment, problem-solving and memory. Except for alcoholics, the damage is reversible by a few months of abstinence.

Brain damage results from a lack of vitamin B1, which is consumed in the body's digestion of alcohol.

Professor Harper believes that a strenuous public education campaign is needed to tackle alcoholic-related vitamin deficiency.

Australia would not be the same without its drink consumption. This week a prominent politician headbutted John Loizou, a journalist, in a Darwin wine bar. But memory loss had not claimed him; he remembered to take his false teeth out first.

☐ The Australian student who fired a blank pistol twice as he lunged at the Prince of Wales in Sydney last week is undergoing psychiatric assessment in prison. David Kang, 23, is charged with a number of offences and is due to appear in court again tomorrow. He has said he acted to gain attention for the plight of Cambodian boat people in Australia.



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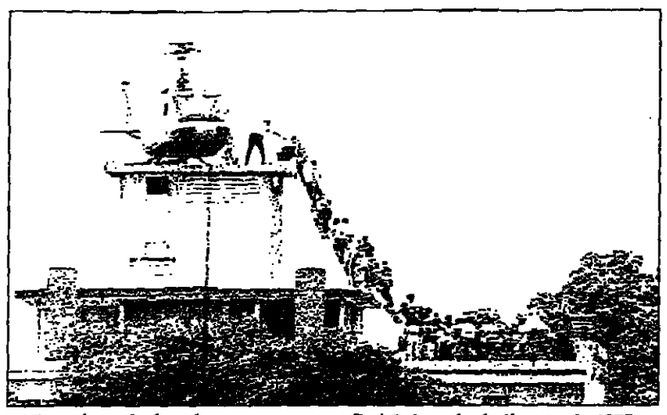
FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

ONE of the most ignominious chapters in modern American history is drawing to a close. President Clinton is this week preparing to end the 30-year trade embargo against Vietnam, paving the way for an eventual resumption of diplomatic relations.

The Vietnam War no longer arouses passions as it once did, although Americans have still not wholly digested their worst foreign policy disaster. Under the leadership of two former Vietnam veterans — John Kerry, a Democrat from Massachusetts and John McCain, a Republican from Arizona — the Senate made a first step last week it voted overwhelmingly to urge Mr Clinton to end the embargo.

Mr Clinton yesterday promised "a decision within the next several days", hinting that he was impressed by the strong support given by the Senate. The reaction to the vote, and Mr Clinton's expected decision to end sanctions is a good indicator of the shifting sands in American politics: veterans groups are outraged: business is celebrating.

Veteran organisations claim that ending the embargo would be tantamount to ending efforts to get a full account of the more than 2,000 Americans missing in action in Indochina, mainly in Vietnam. John Sommer, executive director of the American Legion, the largest of the veteran groups with 3.1 million members, said that Mr Clinton would be breaking a promise to hold Hanoi responsible for the MIAs, and said that he would have to "answer to the voters".



America's darkest hour, as evacuees fled Saigon by helicopter in 1975

But relations with Vietnam are well down the list of concerns for most Americans, and the issue is not likely to feature prominently in the 1996 elections. Those seeking an end to sanctions claim that the chance of obtaining a full account of MIAs would improve in a climate of co-operation.

Another obstacle to lifting sanctions had been the Justice Department's investigation into allegations that Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary, agreed to work to have the embargo lifted for a $700,000 (£465,0000) payoff. Mr Brown announced yesterday that the investigation had ended without any criminal charges being brought against him.

Mr Brown said a Justice Department letter stated: "No further investigation is warranted. Accordingly, we are closing the investigation." He said he was pleased the inquiry has "fully and fairly exonerated" him of any wrongdoing.

The investigation, which was publicly disclosed last August, stemmed from allegations made by Binh Ly, a Vietnamese businessman living in Florida. He claimed that late in 1992 — after Mr Clinton's election victory — Mr Brown was offered the payoff and payments of large royalties from Vietnamese oil and gas fields in return for helping end the ban.

But impetus for a rapprochement with Vietnam came recently, when Admiral Charles Larson, who is in charge of the MIA investigation, praised the Vietnam authorities' for their co-operation in the search and argued that an end to sanctions would enhance the prospects of accounting for all the missing men. Vietnam agreed to send the recently recovered remains of several MIAs home by next week.

The American government imposed a total trade embargo against North Vietnam in 1964, which was extended to the whole of the country in 1975, after the collapse of the Saigon government. Under strong pressure from American industry, the Clinton Administration last year relaxed conditions, allowing American companies to compete for development projects in Vietnam. Boeing was authorised to sell passenger planes. American companies have complained bitterly about the embargo, which they say only benefit their foreign competitors.

Even if Mr Clinton does decide to end the embargo, the establishment of full diplomatic relations is still several years away, according to Administration officials.



A poster for a Vietnamese financial newspaper in Hanoi breaking the news yesterday of trade opportunities with the embargo's end in sight

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Mandela begs for tolerance at prison gate

■ The president of the ANC issued a plea for national unity outside his former prison, as hopes rose for a break in the impasse in South Africa's constitutional talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

IN A GESTURE of reconciliation, Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president, yesterday laid a wreath of white flowers on the barbed wire blocking the gate of the prison in which he was held towards the end of his 27-year jail term.

He also lit a "flame of freedom" and made a powerful plea for peace on the fourth anniversary of the historic speech by President de Klerk to parliament, in which he announced the lifting of the ban on the ANC, the freeing of its leaders, and the start of the abolition of apartheid.

"I hope all of us ... will recognise how important it is to avoid any situation that will lead to bloodshed and a lot of suffering," Mr Mandela said. "We have fought our battle in the past and this is a time for us to unite and build our country. It is in a spirit of reconciliation that I have made this gesture."

Mr Mandela was also introduced to Linda and Molly Biehl, the mother and sister of Amy, the Fulbright scholar murdered in Guguletu township last year. The Biehls have suffered much abuse and unpleasantness in the public gallery of the court from the supporters of the three men on trial for Amy's killing.

Victor Verster prison, where the ceremony took place, lies in some of the most beautiful countryside in the country, ten miles from Paarl, heart of the wine-growing region of the Cape. It was from here that Mr Mandela conducted his negotiations with the government, living in a warder's house. The warder's house so pleased him that, when he commissioned a home for himself in his native Transkei, he had it designed to be an exact replica.

The National Party of Mr de Klerk was quick to capitalise on Mr Mandela's action. In newspaper advertisements yesterday, the party gloated: "When Mr Mandela lights a flame of freedom today, he honours President de Klerk's achievements of February 2, 1990." In return, the ANC published advertisements deriding Mr de Klerk's claim, frequently made on the campaign trail, that he was the author of the end of apartheid as a result of that speech.

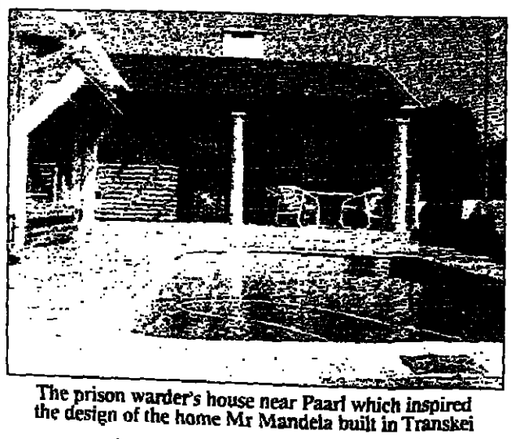
Mr de Klerk last night opened the federal congress of his party, telling party members that when the country embarked on its new course four years ago, "it did so under the leadership of the National Party". He added: "The new National Party broke with the past and opened its heart and doors to all South Africans."

He warned South Africans that the ANC would cast the country back into the dark ages. "It is a party secretly controlled by Communists and extremists. They are quiet now, but they will shout loudly if the ANC wins control." As the congress opened there were signs of a break in the constitutional impasse, with rumours that an agreement had been reached on the vexed issue of the single or double ballot paper. The ANC and government have agreed a single paper will suffice for elections to both national and provincial legislatures.



Linda Biehl: subjected to abuse in court gallery

Smaller parties, however, such as Inkatha, with a strong regional presence but no national network, object that this will diminish their ability to come to power in their own provinces. Although a settlement on the issue would not necessarily bring about a deal, it would certainly weaken opposition to taking part in the election.



The prison warder's house near Paarl which inspired the design of the home Mr Mandela built in Transkei

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Arrogance and stubbornness fuel Commons war

BUDGET ON POLITICS

The Commons works by consent as much as by votes. Understandings arrived at privately through the "usual channels" enable the Opposition to have its say and the Government, if it has a majority, to have its way. But the normal co-operation between the main parties has not existed since mid-December. The result has been angry confrontations, recriminations and the imposition of guillotine motions to limit debates, most recently on the Finance Bill.

The origins lie in a clash of styles between the whips: arrogance versus stubbornness. The Tory whips are mainly young and at times brash, captains on the make. There are no longer any colonels with Military Crosses. In contrast, the Labour Whips' Office is the last bastion of grizzled sergeants like Don Dixon, the deputy Chief Whip, and Ray Powell, respected for their guile but defenders of old-fashioned Labourism and patronage politics.

A series of small incidents in November led to a blow-up in December. John Smith told the shadow Cabinet that if there was any further "provocation", normal relations would be suspended. He was not bluffing, so relations were suspended when the Government imposed a guillotine on the Bills raising national insurance contributions and changing arrangements for statutory sick pay. The Opposition has forced debates and votes even on non-controversial items. The Government has responded by imposing guillotines at the first sight of delaying tactics by Labour. Tory MPs have had to hang around Westminster, ministers have had to cancel trips and tempers have frayed.

Sir Terence Higgins, defender of the rights of the Commons on financial matters, claimed in Tuesday's debate on the guillotine that many of the current strategic and tactical problems stem from the failure to consult sufficiently on the implications of the new unified Budget in late November. This has upset the whole parliamentary timetable, leading to the guillotines and retaliation.

This stylised war of attrition suits the business managers. They can express (self) righteous indignation and carry on. The Government is getting its business and the Opposition is showing its muscle. But, as Archy Kirkwood, the Liberal Democrat whip, said: "The House is teetering on the brink of grinding to a halt." The losers are ordinary MPs and Parliament itself.

This row has highlighted the underlying frustrations of many MPs with the way Westminster works. An all-party committee of MPs chaired by Michael Jopling two years ago recommended changes in the hours that the Commons sits and the timetabling of debates on most Bills. But nothing has happened because of the opposition of Don Dixon and Labour business managers, supported by the far-left.

The fallacy of their pseudo-macho approach has been exposed by Graham Allen, Labour's constitutional affairs spokesman. In a lecture last weekend, he talked of "the need to confront the long-running myth that the Opposition's only weapon is delay. Not a single measure has been stopped in the last 15 years by delay." Mr Allen irritates some MPs by his eagerness on procedural matters, but Labour's call for constitutional reform sounds hollow if it is unwilling to do anything in practice about updating the workings of the Commons.

John Biffen, a sane voice on Commons matters, has argued that, while this "rigmarole" may continue until after the Euro-elections in June, "Parliament will suffer, our procedures will suffer, the quality of our legislation will suffer and, above all, our reputation will suffer, and such suffering cannot easily be redeemed."

PETER RIDDELL

Right turns on leader of reshuffle delegation

■ **Sir George Gardiner's ill-fated meeting with John Major could cost him the leadership of the Tory 92 Group**

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

A BATTLE for the leadership of the Thatcherite 92 Group appeared certain last night in the wake of John Major's confrontation with right-wingers urging a reshuffle of the Cabinet.

Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the group and leader of the delegation summarily dismissed after just two minutes by the Prime Minister, could face a challenge from one of three loyalist rightwingers when the election comes up later this month. At the least he and the others in his delegation face a mauling when the 92 Group next meets for a dinner on February 16, to be addressed by Peter Lilley, the social security secretary and one of the leading cabinet rightwingers.

Sir George infuriated his colleagues by drawing up a list of demands for the Prime Minister, including apparently the promotion of prominent figures on the right, without consulting the group, which last met in November.

He has loyal support on the Tory right and any move to displace him will be fiercely fought. But he has lost his place on the 1922 executive, and another move to kill off his influence cannot be ruled out. Among senior right-wingers yesterday the names of Sir Peter Hordern, Sir Anthony Durant and Sir James Spicer were being actively canvassed. Sir Peter would appear to be the frontrunner if he allows his name to go forward.



Lilley: any challenge to Major "froth and folly"

Mr Lilley rejected the idea of right, or left, challenges to Mr Major as "froth and folly". He supported Mr Major's tough handling of the group, saying: "It was a very firm and sensible response which would have been exactly the same to any group if the purpose of the meeting became impossible to fulfil because of public discussion."

Sir James Spicer said: "Clearly this is a meeting that should never have taken place. Above all things, the 92 as a group has been drawn into it. Most members of the 92 are totally loyal to the Prime Minister and have been horrified at the media comment over the last few days." He said the group would have to meet, probably within the next few days.

Sir George, however, denied that he had been sent packing by Mr Major. He told BBC TV *Breakfast News*: "The group regularly has meetings with the Prime Minister of the day. Last Thursday it was fixed that we would meet him yesterday, and so we did. Someone — not us — leaked that the meeting was taking place. This was accompanied by the most amazing speculation of what our demands were going to be."

Sir George said the idea that they were going to take in a list of Cabinet changes they wanted was not true. But he said the situation reached a stage where it was agreed that it was impossible to have a civilised discussion.

Later, in a letter to around 80 right-wing MPs who belong to the 92 Group, Sir George denied that his steering committee was responsible for the leak to *The Times*.

"I can assure members that the leak certainly did not come from us. The leak was accompanied by fantastic speculation of the 'demands' that we would be making, before the committee had even met to formulate our suggestions. There was never any question of taking a list for ministerial promotion to him or of demands of any kind.

"Obviously, it would have been difficult to have a civilised discussion in these circumstances. The steering committee had considered earlier that day whether to seek a postponement, so when the Prime Minister suggested this we readily agreed. That was why Tuesday's meeting was so short. The cruel irony of today's headlines claiming 'Major rebuffs the right' is that on our agenda was an assurance of continued support from the 92. No Prime Minister turns on his friends, nor did we feel that he had turned on us."

However, rightwingers blamed Sir George for the leak, and said that he had misread the mood of the parliamentary party. After the battering the Government has taken in recent weeks, even Mr Major's critics wanted a respite from the feuding and sniping on the backbenches.

But at the same time there were private warnings that Mr Major should not assume that his ambush had put an end to questions about his leadership. One MP said the Prime Minister was "going down a dangerous road". Another said it would be disastrous for Mr Major if he thought he was now safe and had scored a lasting victory.



Margaret Thatcher's disciples, from left, John Whittingdale, Walter Sweeney, Barry Legg, Iain Duncan-Smith, and, at the back, Bernard Jenkin

Thatcherite MPs demand no turning back to ERM

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADING Tory Euro-sceptics yesterday put down a marker for the June elections to the European parliament by publishing a robustly anti-federalist manifesto.

Their blueprint, which demands a guarantee of no return to the European exchange-rate mechanism and flat rejection of a single currency, drew an immediate counterblast from the party's pro-European wing. Hugh Dykes, chairman of the European Movement, said their proposals were "barmy".

A pamphlet published by the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group of Conservative MPs seeks to commit the Government to a staunch defence of national interests and radical free-market reform of European Union policies and institutions.

Their approach will inevitably conflict with the official Tory manifesto being drawn up by a committee chaired by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. However, the five authors of the pamphlet, young Thatcherites who opposed the Government over Maastricht, have sought to tone down their views and language in the hope of avoiding a repetition of last year's bitter controversies. They use John Major's nationalistic article in *The Economist* in September as a justification for their programme.

The authors are Walter Sweeney, Barry Legg, John Whittingdale, former political secretary to Baroness Thatcher, Bernard Jenkin and Iain Duncan-Smith, demand a guarantee that Britain will not return to the ERM. "Price stability across Europe will not be achieved by a system of pegged exchange rates. Price stability will come from using domestic monetary indicators to combat inflation." The MPs add that Britain should boycott moves towards a single currency, saying it "would signal the end of the United Kingdom as a nation state".

'Single currency would signal the end of the United Kingdom as a nation state'

Both demands are unlikely to be granted in the official Tory Euro-manifesto. While ministers are in no hurry to return to the ERM, it is expected to say there can be no return in the foreseeable future — so leaving open the door to re-entry after the next election. Similarly, Mr Major will not reject a single currency out of hand.

On federalism, the MPs say there should be no soft-pedalling. "On both sides of the Channel, a federal state is one in which the member states subordinate their national responsibilities to a higher authority." The problem for Mr Hurd is that the European People's Party, with which the Tories are allied, is committed to a federal Europe. He will try to skate around this difficulty by committing the party to opposing further centralism, but this will evidently not satisfy the Euro-sceptic wing.

The MPs also call for the abolition of citizenship of the EU, condemn the social chapter as an obstacle to job creation, and urge a rolling back of Brussels-inspired social, consumer and environmental legislation.

□ A Conservative Europe: 1994 and Beyond *by the No Turning Back Group of Conservative MPs (The European Foundation, 61 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HZ. £5).*

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Gummer to back down on council reforms

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is expected to bow to pressure from Tory backbenchers today by retreating over its plans for single-tier councils. Ministers have decided not to appeal over last week's High Court ruling, which said that John Gummer, the Environment Secretary had exceeded his powers in favouring unitary authorities.

Mr Gummer is likely to tell MPs today that the Government is prepared to take a more flexible approach and allow some councils to remain as they are. His decision will delight Tory MPs who have been campaigning against changes to Somerset, Hampshire and Kent. He will stress that his decision will have no significant effect on the local government review, which is still on schedule to be completed by the end of this year.

Downing Street sources refused to be drawn on the announcement, other than to refer to a letter from John Major to Sir John Stanley, MP for Tonbridge and Malling. In the letter Mr Major says: "We recognise that in some areas the commission may wish to retain the existing structure. However ... we believe that the unitary authority will often provide the best form of local government."

The retreat follows a rebellion by senior backbenchers who have threatened to vote against the plans. The Local Government Commission, the judiciary and other businesses have also opposed the proposals to amalgamate as many districts as possible into unitary authorities.

New law to curb jail drug users

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

NEW laws aimed at curbing drug abuse in prison will be unveiled today by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. Mr Howard will give prison governors the power to insist on drug tests in prisons. Refusal to give a urine sample will constitute a disciplinary offence and render offenders liable to up to another month in jail or the loss of privileges.

Governors will also be able to punish prisoners whose drug tests prove positive.

The crackdown will be launched in a new clause amending the Criminal Justice Bill, which will be tabled today, and a change to the 1952 Prison Act. Under the existing law, drug testing is effectively voluntary and positive results do not amount to a breach of prison rules.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury, Prime Minister. Debate on English Revenue Support Grant reports.
Lords (3pm): Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, committee. British Nationality (Hong Kong) Bill, report. Intelligence Services Bill, report. Debate on future of the cadet corps.

Major attacks British bias against science

BRITAIN has too often failed to exploit scientific achievements, the Prime Minister said yesterday. "Our ideas have led to other people's products. Our brains have led to other people's profits."

Science and engineering had frequently been undervalued. "A traditional bias against science has persisted," Mr Major said. "Too much of our education system has always treated science as subordinate to arts and a subject primarily for boys."

John Major's speech to a Parliamentary and Scientific Committee lunch was a follow-up to his address in Leeds on Friday in which he emphasised the importance of competitiveness by industry in pursuit of economic prosperity.

Mr Major said yesterday: "As the world becomes more competitive, we become more aware that economic prosperity depends on science, engineering and technology. We have no natural right to success. Any we get we must earn. Countries which 20, even ten years ago, were eager customers are now our international rivals."

The Prime Minister said that Britain must sustain its strong base of excellence in science, engineering and technology. "In the past science and engineering have too often been undervalued. In the future we must guard against that. I don't just mean Government — we are one partner in the enterprise — I mean commerce and industry whose future depends on innovation."

Despite the necessity of restraining public spending, the Government expected spending on the science base to rise next year. "In today's world, no country can compete in every area. But we are determined not to fall into the trap of the 1960s and 1970s, of 'picking a winner' based on a belief that the Government knows best and big bureaucracies can achieve everything. Frankly, we don't and they can't.

"What Government should do is listen to industry, to scientists, to academics, and then make sure the decisions go with the grain of what science and industry are planning.

Dam enquiry widens

THE investigation into the Pergau dam affair was widened yesterday as MPs made a worldwide appeal for documents to be sent to their Commons enquiry (Arthur Leathley writes). The exploration of events leading to Britain's decision to give £234 million towards the controversial Malaysian dam project hopes to attract written evidence from any relevant source before ministers are called, probably next month.

Mr Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will open the Government's defence of its 1991 decision to offer aid for a project that senior civil servants had warned was "a very bad buy".

He will be followed by Baroness Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister.

The cross-party House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee will investigate whether there is any link between the aid offer and a subsequent £1 billion British defence contract ordered by Malaysia. A decision has yet to be taken on whether to call Baroness Thatcher, John Major and Lord Younger of Prestwick, the former Defence Secretary.

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French rivals' uneasy alliance breaks into open feuding


Balladur: said nothing of his presidential ambition

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ Rivalry between the French Prime Minister and his Gaullist mentor is fuelling Cabinet friction and causing confusion in foreign policy. The battle for the presidency has begun

WHEN Edouard Balladur and his conservative government took over last March, France's partners expected some turbulence from the power-sharing arrangement with the Socialist President Mitterrand. The discord has now appeared all right, but it springs not from the "cohabitation" but from naked power-play inside M Balladur's own camp.

With 15 months to run before the presidential vote and the Socialist opposition still bleeding from its electoral massacre, the gloves have come off in a duel pitting M Balladur against his mentor Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and presidential contender since 1976. Deadly rivalry between the popular and serene M Balladur and an increasingly desperate M Chirac is fuelling feuds in the Cabinet and sowing confusion in French foreign policy. The mixing of signals in this department is so strong that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, left Paris after a recent visit puzzled by France's aims over Bosnia-Herzegovina and other troubled regions.

The jockeying between M Chirac and his "dear friend Edouard" was largely confined to backstage until this week. M Chirac's dilemma has been to find a chink in the seamless armour of a Prime Minister whose reassuring manner earns him the support of 60 per cent of the public.

The chance came on Sunday when M Balladur launched a package of minor measures to stimulate the economy. Jean-Louis Debré, party spokesman and a lieutenant of M Chirac, mocked the Prime Minister on Tuesday for the feebleness of the measures, saying: "It does not correspond to the 'other politics' we desire." The reference was to M Chirac's call, shared by Philippe Séguin and other party barons, for a more radical and nationalist approach to ending the recession.

M Balladur, who has said nothing of his future ambitions, has ordered his Cabinet to stay clear of presidential politics for the year. There was no chance of that, commentators said, since the race is poisoning the atmosphere and the Prime Minister is so obviously manoeuvering for himself. On his side, M Chirac, is trying to emulate General de Gaulle's Olympian detachment from everyday politics while frantically touring the country, shoring up his base as commander of the country's most powerful political machine.

At the heart of the government tension is the loyalty of Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister, to M Chirac. As secretary-general of the Gaullist Rassemblement pour la République and a deputy to the party chief in his capacity as mayor of Paris, M Juppé barely hides his ambition to serve as Prime Minister under a "President Chirac". He clashed with M Balladur over the Gatt world trade talks and has since found himself bypassed by a shadow diplomacy conducted from M Balladur's office. France's sudden rapprochement with Peking last month was secretly negotiated by an aide to M Balladur. M Juppé and his ministry were furious when Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, gave Tariq Aziz, President Saddam Hussein's Deputy Prime Minister, a visa and met him to discuss repairing relations.

M Pasqua, who has thrown in his lot with M Balladur, also sent feathers flying by holding secret talks with Saudi Arabia on the fundamentalist threat. M Pasqua has interpreted his security role as extending to the affairs of Algeria, where his support for the hardline government clashes with M Juppé's desire to build bridges with the fundamentalist opposition. M Juppé's ministry had the last laugh last month when M Balladur took on a trip to Saudi Arabia, hastily organised by his office. Despite talk of lucrative contracts, he returned empty handed.

The presidential race is also fuelling dissonance over Bosnia, with François Léotard, a centrist party leader and pro-Balladur Defence Minister, calling for more military action and openly criticising the United Nations for its impotence, while M Juppé is pressing for more peace talks.

Another and more comical subplot is the feud between the Jacques Toubon, the pro-Chirac Culture Minister, and Alain Carignon, the Balladurian Communications Minister. Their combat to lead the crusade in defence of French film, song and language is driving them to excesses of anti-Americanism. When M Balladur visited Grenoble last weekend, M Carignon, who is also the city's mayor, arranged for the crowd to chant: "Balladur — President!".

While M Mitterrand observes the Gaullist antics with amusement from the Elysée palace, the Chirac supporters insist the race is far from over. They look to the turn-around in M Mitterrand's own fortunes in 1981. A year before his election triumph over Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the opinion polls were giving him up for dead in favour of Michel Rocard, his Socialist rival.


Chirac: trying hard to emulate General de Gaulle

Gloomy outlook for more Western aid as Russia is told it must fulfil promises first

IMF chief rejects blame for failure of Yeltsin reforms

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WITH the "Who lost Russia?" argument heating up in Washington, the International Monetary Fund has hit back at charges that it has been excessively tight-fisted in dispensing billions of dollars in aid to support President Yeltsin's economic reforms.

After criticism by the Clinton Administration, other Western governments and Russian experts, Jean-Michel Camdessus, the IMF's French managing director, summoned reporters on Tuesday night to protest vigorously about the way his institution was being made a scapegoat. At the same time he made clear that the IMF would not relax its tough conditions for granting more aid to Russia.

With Mr Yeltsin's leading economic reformers having resigned from a Cabinet now dominated by Soviet-era industrial managers, that means that new loans look increasingly improbable.

The IMF has provided Russia with $2.5 billion (£1.66 billion) since 1992, is trying to agree terms for a further loan of $1.5 billion, and has been charged with disbursing roughly half the $28 billion in assistance pledged at last July's G7 Tokyo summit.

After the success of extreme Russian nationalists in last December's parliamentary elections, Vice-President Gore blamed the backlash against Mr Yeltsin's reforms on the IMF's failure to deliver promised Western aid. That criticism has since gained wide currency and Jeffrey Sachs, the Harvard economist who has just resigned as an adviser to the Russian government, accuses the IMF of demanding more reform than is politically feasible.

M Camdessus said the fundamental reason why the West had not delivered its promised aid was "essentially because Russia has not been in a position to deliver the [economic] policies Russia was committed to adopt". Nor had Russia provided the IMF with the basic economic data it required. "How can you discuss the balance of payments of 1994 when you don't have the balance of payments of 1993?" he asked.

M Camdessus was pessimistic about the chances of the IMF agreeing terms for the next $1.5 billion loan, pointing to Russia's rising inflation and the lack of a credible budget plan. "In view of the magnitude of the problems to be addressed, and of the approach of the government in a number of areas, it may not be easy for our mission and the Russian negotiating team to reach agreement," he said, adding: "We all know that, without adequately strong monetary and budgetary policies, no efforts to reduce inflation and stabilise the rouble will be successful for long."

M Camdessus said the IMF, which is under the control of Western governments, was constrained by strict regulations governing the terms on which it could make loans. If individual governments wanted to extend unconditional loans to Russia, they would have to do so on a bilateral basis.

He listed the IMF's conditions for further loans to Russia as an inflation rate halved to about 10 per cent a month, reduced government subsidies to failing state industries, budget deficit reduction, fewer price controls and more privatisation.

☐ **Moscow:** Sergei Dubov, the Russian head of the New Times publishing company, who published the works of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the then banned and exiled Nobel prizewinner in 1991, was shot dead in a Moscow street on Tuesday. Mr Dubov's 17-year-old son died in mysterious circumstances last year, and he had himself received death threats from gangsters, according to one of his aides quoted by *Izvestia*. *(AFP)*

Space mission

The space shuttle Discovery is set for lift-off today on the first joint US-Russian space mission since the Apollo-Soyuz flight in 1975 (Nigel Hawkes writes). On board will be one of the world's most experienced cosmonauts, Sergei Krikalev, who has already spent 15 months on the Mir space station. He will join five American astronauts on the 60th shuttle mission as the first Russian to lift-off in an American spaceship.


Sealed with a kiss: Russian hardliner Vladimir Zhirinovsky, above left, being greeted by Serbian nationalist Vojislav Seselj in Belgrade yesterday; kissing a bible at a Russian Orthodox church there, bottom left, and then the Serbian flag

Defence scientist's trial raises ghost of Communist justice

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

Amid accusations by colleagues and liberal sympathisers that the authorities intend to muzzle protest by scientists concerned about the activities of Russia's military-industrial complex, the trial of Vil Mirzayanov, the scientist who leaked details of a highly toxic chemical weapon, reopens today.

Mr Mirzayanov published an article in *Moscow News* in 1992 revealing his involvement in the development of a binary chemical weapon called Novichok and was immediately arrested. The long-delayed hearing is the first important case to test the new constitution's guarantee of a fair trial and will at the same time provide an indication of how far the authorities are prepared to respect scientists' individual rights of conscience.

Although Russia signed the Chemical Weapons Convention committing it to the elimination of most of its stocks, its chemical and biological weapons programmes remain highly secret. Several dissident scientists have claimed that the "chemical generals" in the military-industrial complex are exploiting Western concentration on the fate of nuclear programmes to pursue research in other fields, and may even be using Western funds earmarked to aid the destruction of the arsenal to finance more advanced chemical and biological arms.

Mr Mirzayanov and a colleague revealed that Novichok would contain a poison with a penetration outstripping that of existing weapons by a factor of ten. They also claimed that the authorties had covered up the 1987 death of a chemist accidentally exposed to the weapon's toxic agents by forcing doctors who treated him to sign a secrecy pledge. These disclosures provoked official wrath reminiscent of the treatment of scientific dissidents under communism.

An investigation lasted more than a year, throughout which time Mr Miyazanov was kept in prison. Russian journalists who took up the story frequently found themselves under scrutiny by the security services.

The trial date, originally set for last month, was changed to avoid an embarrassing clash with President Clinton's visit. The court has refused defence applications to allow independent scientists to testify or to let foreign observers attend the trial.

The case, moreover, was begun on the basis of unpublished statutes despite the commitment in the constitution introduced in December that charges must be based on published laws. Under the Basic Law of the Soviet era, the odds were stacked against defendants in cases involving official secrets, since the authorities often rewrote paragraphs in the criminal code to strengthen their case while incidents were under investigation.

Much to the embarrassment of the Kremlin, which had touted the new constitution as guaranteeing a fair hearing, Mr Mirzayanov has protested about what he called "this criminal event" by refusing to participate, a tactic adopted by dissidents under communism. In a letter to the judges at Moscow's city court last week, he said he would not enter the court unless physically forced to do so. He boycotted the second day of the trial and was then rearrested and committed to the Sailor's Rest prison, where the 1991 coup plotters against Mikhail Gorbachev have also languished. *Izvestia* has protested against his treatment, claiming that the authorities are trying "morally to break him ... before he takes the stand".

If Mr Mirzayanov is found guilty, other scientists are likely to face prosecution, including Vladimir Ugle, a chemist at a top-secret laboratory in the Volsk region, who has admitted spending 15 years developing toxic compounds for weapons, including Novichok. He has also claimed that mystery illnesses in the area were caused by toxins released into the air during tests.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Auditors condemn EC farm fraud

Brussels: National and EC procedures for checking on agricultural fraud are hopelessly inadequate and have failed to stop millions of pounds going to companies that cheat on the common agricultural policy (CAP), a watchdog report will say today (George Brock writes).

The EC's Court of Auditors will release the latest in a series of damning findings on the ways in which unnamed European food exporters milk the CAP's £22.5 billion-a-year budget by fraud but face few penalties if caught. The report criticises the CAP for creating systems so complex they encourage cheating, and says monitoring systems are ineffective. MEPs estimate that as much as £5 billion a year may be lost in food fraud.

Second term

Caracas: Rafael Caldera, 78, has been inaugurated as president of Venezuela, 20 years after he last held the post. He has promised to restore political stability after two years of turmoil, two coup attempts and the impeachment of President Pérez.

Statue stolen

Rome: Thieves have stolen one of the most venerated religious works of art in Rome, the "Bambinello", a 15th-century statue of the Infant Jesus believed to have healing powers, from the church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli. *(Reuter)*

US build-up

Mogadishu: The US bolstered its forces off Somalia with warships carrying more marines after attacks on aid agencies. Aid officials meanwhile claimed US marines killed at least eight people and wounded 24 on Monday. *(Reuter)*

Killer jailed

Paris: Omar Raddad, 31, a Moroccan gardener, was jailed for 18 years for the murder of Ghislaine Marchal, his wealthy widowed employer who scrawled his name in her own blood before dying from stab wounds.

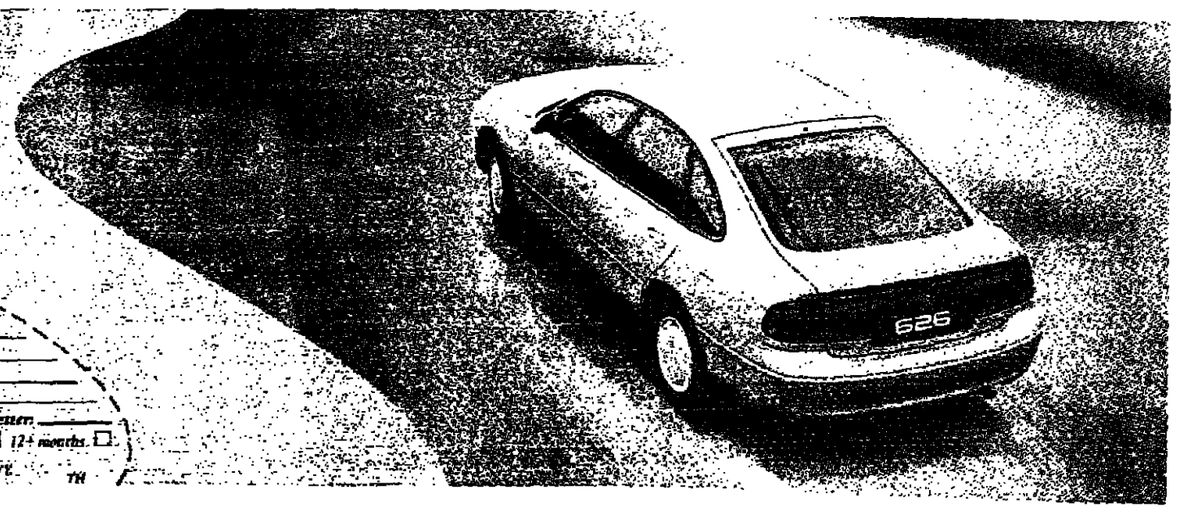
Under the table

Strasbourg: A brewery here has launched an alcohol-free beer for dogs, called "Oaw!", French for "woof". The brewery plans to produce 500,000 fifth-of-a-litre cartons daily, enough to satisfy the thirsts of 5 per cent of France's 18 million dogs. *(AFP)*

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Eight die in Egypt after police raid militant hide-out

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

The most intense bloodshed for two months will add to growing Western anxiety about the fundamentalist purge that is undermining the Egyptian government

THE violent confrontation in Egypt between Islamic militants and the pro-Western government of President Mubarak intensified yesterday after the killing of seven extremists and one policeman in separate incidents.

The bloodshed was the most serious over a 24-hour period since December 19 when nine people were killed. It followed the government's rejection of any dialogue with the Islamic fundamentalists such as that taking place in Jordan.

Egyptian militants warned foreigners yesterday that they should leave the country for their own safety and the Egyptian Interior Minister said the terrorists would be pursued until they had been wiped out of the country. "We implore tourists and investors to leave the country because the next operations will be extremely ferocious and strong," the Gama'a el-Islamiya said in a statement, following a police raid in al-Zawya al-Hamra, a slum district of Cairo, during which seven of its members were killed.

The growing instability in Egypt is causing wide concern among Western governments as it is the only Arab state to have a peace treaty with Israel. Iranian-backed Islamic extremists, often trained in Afghanistan are convinced that if the Cairo regime can be toppled, it will undermine other Arab governments including those in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

The militants were killed when police raided a flat in Cairo after a three-hour siege in Cairo. Two militants were arrested and one police officer wounded. The interior ministry said large quantities of arms and ammunition were recovered as well as $10,000 (£6,700). Hassan al-Alfi, the Interior Minister, said the cash showed that the militants were "mercenaries and agents being paid to carry out attacks to damage the country." He said the authorities had now decided to storm and attack militants in their hide-outs.

"We will not rest as long as there is one terrorist on Egyptian soil," he said. "The operation will continue days and nights."

The minister, who has recently secured an increased budget for counter-terrorist measures was speaking at a Cairo police station. "The initiative to begin attacking is currently in the hands of the police based on scientific methods, training and planning," he said.

Soon after the Cairo shooting two gunmen shot dead a state security policeman in the Islamic stronghold of Assiut, in southern Egypt, apparently in retaliation. Nearly 300 people have died and about 700 have been injured since the campaign of violence was launched in 1992 in an attempt to turn Egypt into an Iranian-style theocratic state. Anxiety in the West about Egypt's stability has increased with growing evidence that the militants have infiltrated the security forces. President Sadat was shot dead by Muslim fanatics in uniform as he reviewed a Cairo military parade in October 1981.

Many observers have questioned the government's ability to defeat the fundamentalist groups by military means alone. Frequent reports about high-level corruption and lack of confidence in Egypt's electoral system have also increased public cynicism.

The militants have targeted foreigners in a bid to destroy Egypt's once prosperous tourist industry. The number of visitors has slumped dramatically because of the attacks, which officials claim have received disproportionate world publicity as compared with Egypt's generally low level of street crime.

Frequent ill-advised claims by officials that the militants were on the verge of defeat have helped decrease confidence in the government's tactics. Since last December, all cases involving Islamic extremists have been tried before military courts whose methods have been criticised by Western human rights groups.

Islamic fundamentalists have attacked the government for permitting gambling, which is outlawed by Islam, alcohol and traditional entertainments such as belly dancing. The militants have declared that the only musical instrument which should be permitted in public is the tamborine because it was played by the prophet Muhammad.

Islamic fervour heightened last week when Islamic supporters in the Egyptian parliament condemned Farouk Hosni, the Culture Minister, after a nude illustration appeared on the cover of *Creativity, an Egyptian magazine*.

The illustration, *Adam and Eve* by Gustav Klimt, the turn-of-the century Viennese artist, would have raised few eyebrows in the West. It was condemned by the parliament, however, as being symptomatic of what one described as "the immorality" of modern Egyptian culture.

Islamic hardliners announced yesterday that they were launching an appeal against the decision by a Cairo court not to declare Nasser Hamed Abu-Zeid, a university lecturer, an "apostate" because of his writings about ancient Islam. The court case, which has shocked Egyptian liberal intellectuals, focused on an attempt to have the lecturer's marriage annulled on the ground of his writings about Islam. "We will not leave him alone until he has repented," one Islamic spokesman said.



A detail from Klimt's contentious painting



Three Muslim fanatics, dressed as soldiers, shooting President Sadat at a parade in 1981

Rioting casts shadow over Iran's revolutionary rites

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

ECONOMIC hardship and sectarian differences have led to open unrest in Iran as the ruling clergy celebrates Tuesday's fifteenth anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Two anti-riot battalions were airlifted to the southeastern city of Zahedan to prevent a repetition of disturbances in which security forces killed two people and wounded 14 on Tuesday, an Iranian opposition group said yesterday. The official IRNA news agency blamed the trouble on "anti-revolutionaries" who broke windows, tore down Iranian flags and ransacked shops.

These were the first reports of unrest since mainly teenage mobs swept through Mashhad and several other cities in 1992 after rumours that the government was about to cut welfare payments to crippled veterans of the Iran-Iraq War.

The rioting in Zahedan, 650 miles southeast of Tehran, was attributed to protests against the government's reported demolition of a Sunni mosque in Mashhad. It was the first challenge by the Sunni minority to the ruling Shia hierarchy for years.

"The situation in the city is tense and guards have taken positions in key streets and sensitive regions," the opposition National Council of Resistance of Iran said. It claimed that about 100 people had been arrested during four hours of clashes on Tuesday.

In a separate incident that day, a lone gunman fired shots as President Rafsanjani was addressing a crowd at the shrine of the late Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran.



Falling oil prices and mounting foreign debt have deepened economic hardship at a time when the President's introduction of free market forces had already made life hard as subsidies on all but the most basic items were scrapped and currency reforms came into effect.

Diplomats said President Rafsanjani remained popular and was rarely the target of criticism against the government. But economic and social liberalisation have not gone hand in hand. Religious purists, suspicious of President Rafsanjani's more liberal ways and overtures to the West, have kept life as restrictive as ever. A 15,000-strong volunteer militia called the Baseej, the "motivated ones", enforces strict Islamic codes. Witnesses said the gunman who fired the shots during the President's speech was dressed like a Baseej.

Diplomats said dissatisfaction has been growing among the Baseej, who are angered by the decline of revolutionary radicalism and the common sight of ayatollahs driving luxury cars while they struggle to survive.

☐ **Raid error:** The killing of nine Iranians by a Turkish air raid aimed at rebel Kurds in northern Iraq was a tragic mistake, Brigadier General Mansur Sattari, head of Iran's air force, said yesterday.

Iran has said 19 Iranians were also injured in Friday's air raid, aimed at a camp on the Iraq-Iran border which Turkey said was used by rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party. *(Reuter)*



Sophia Loren, the Italian-born actress who rose to fame in American films, posing by her star, the 2,000th on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Loren, 59, said she hoped the star would encourage fledgeling actresses. "May their dreams come true as my dream came true," she said. A separate dedication was held for 29 other celebrities given stars, including Irving Berlin, the composer, and singers Stevie Wonder and Pearl Bailey. A man in his twenties was arrested on Tuesday for spraying orange fluorescent paint on Michael Jackson's star in the Walk of Fame. *(AP)*

Malaysian rulers fail to agree on new king

From M. G. G. Pillai
in Kuala Lumpur

MALAYSIA'S unusual system of elected kings has served her well during the past three and a half decades, despite a system creaking with bureaucratic assumptions and uncertain rules. Now, for the first time, the rulers cannot agree who should become King before the formal election.

The present incumbent, Sultan Azlan Shah of Perak, completes his five-year term next month. The nine sultans have each had their turn as king. The rulers began their three-day meeting yesterday, with elections scheduled for tomorrow. Sources said, however, that a postponement to the middle of next month is possible if the deadlock continues.

It was widely presumed that Tuanku Jaffar, the deputy King, would succeed Sultan Azlan Shah. Sources said, however, that the Sultan of Selangor argues that since his father, the second king, died on his coronation day he, as his son, should be the next king.

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Has the Tate pulled off a gigantic hoax on the public? **Julia Llewellyn Smith** considers its empty offering

Art — or just a hollow sham?

In the first room there is a display case filled with condensation. In the second room you walk through suspended sailcloth. Then a lift takes you up to a 70ft-long gallery, empty apart from a hand-turned record player through which a human voice emits phonetic sounds, while outside the wind whistles and howls.

This is *Mneme*, by the American artist Ann Hamilton and the centrepiece of an exhibition at the Tate Gallery in Liverpool. It creates, according to the gallery, "an experience of relationships which are sought rather than grasped". Others might say the only experience it creates is one of total bewilderment.

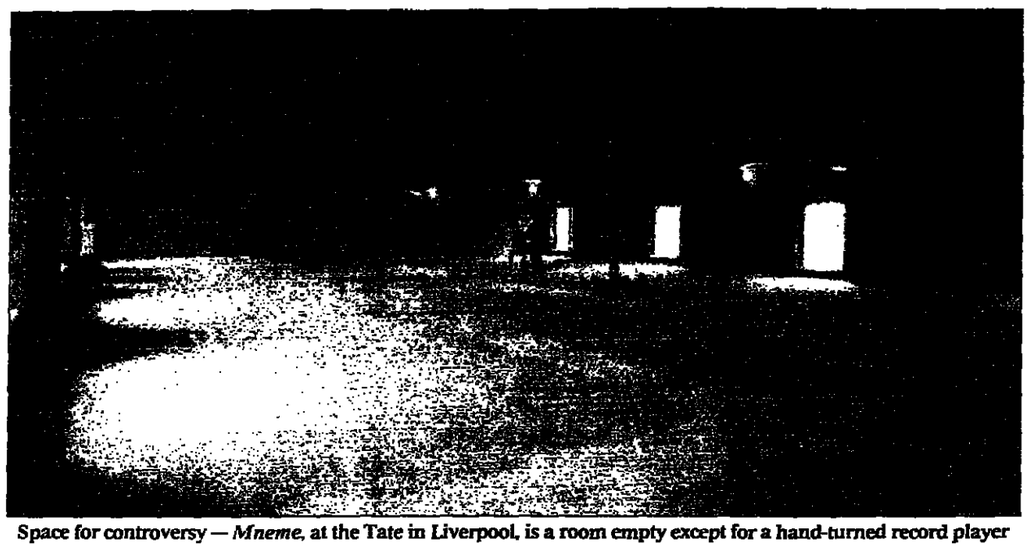
Either way, it will certainly create controversy. Some will hail it as a masterpiece, others dub it a sham, a hoax and an insult to the intelligence.

Such excitements are nothing new. In the 1970s the Tate Gallery shocked everyone by purchasing *Equivalent VIII*, Carl Andre's pile of bricks. Then the ICA exhibited *Post-Partum Document* by Mary Kelly, which consisted of a heap of used nappies.

More recently there has been the pickled fish and preserved offal of Damien Hirst, Glenn Brown's meticulous copies of Salvador Dali, the Turner Prize-winner Rachel Whiteread and her concrete house. Bernard Jacobson has just created an enormous hoo-ha by showing an untitled exhibit made up of a ton of lavatory paper, with an asking price of £10,000.

But the art world is especially tetchy at the moment, still quivering, as it is, from the after effects of a hearty row between 35 gallery owners, artists and critics and Brian Sewell, the traditionalist art critic of the *Evening Standard*.

For years Mr Sewell, who believes the history of art reached its acme with the Renaissance, has accused the art establishment of being an "absurd, posturing élite". At the beginning of January, the "élite" struck back with a letter denouncing Mr Sewell's writing as a "dire mix of sexual and class hypocrisy, intellectual posturing and artistic prejudice". Suddenly, Mr Sewell, an impish, effete man, with a voice like Celia Johnson in *Brief Encounter*, was wallowing in a new role as the champion of the common man, the voice of the silent majority.



Space for controversy — *Mneme*, at the Tate in Liverpool, is a room empty except for a hand-turned record player

What would the "common man" make of *Mneme*? Mr Sewell laughs heartily when I ask for his opinion. "You're going to get me into trouble," he simpers. "Without having seen it one is very wary of offering any kind of criticism. My initial reaction is, 'this, I have seen before'. It's hardly fresh. I wonder, do they realise that this minimalist exploration of space has already been done? Should one get excited?"

But has Mr Sewell ever been excited by such conceptualist art? "The first time I saw an empty matchbox in an empty room, I was not excited. It has no aesthetic merit. It may conjure a thought or two in otherwise mindless people."

Cue for indignant splutters from Mr Sewell's opponents. "How can he say it's not new?" asks Sarah Kent, the art critic of *Time Out*. "The idea of a Madonna and Child is not new, nor is the idea of a vase of flowers. There is no new idea under the sun."

Those who dismiss contemporary art are, she says: "Going along with a template, with no intention of discovering anything new. If it doesn't fit into what they know already, they don't try to find out what the artist is doing."

Mr Sewell and his friends, she claims, are obsessed with a golden age that never existed. "There are a lot of people who are trying to put the clock back to a time that never existed. Art has always been an ongoing process of change. Much of conceptual art is boring, stupid and mindless but so are many things done with oil on canvas in the 18th century."

Karsten Schubert, whose gallery was described by Mr Sewell as "the most squalid" in London, and who recently exhibited a wall covered in chocolate, agrees. "Florence in the 15th century was dominated by a highly educated, sophisticated élite. Most people couldn't even read. They were utterly excluded.

"Brian really feels that something went wrong between Picasso and Duchamps. After Cubism he feels a fundamental mistake was made. He is saying that most of the century is wrong and he is right and he cannot understand contemporary art, because he cannot understand what it developed out of."

The support of education secretary John Patten for Mr Sewell has set a ripple of alarm around the art world. "Sewell is a dangerous man," Mr Schubert says. "He makes trustees and politicians nervous. Recently he demanded that BP withdraw sponsorship from the Tate."

Yet the Government might be gratified to see a prominent critic sharing their call for back to basics. "He and his friends are saying we should forget the 20th century." Mr Schubert says. "They don't understand that the world has become more complicated. Rejecting modern art is like rejecting nuclear fusion. You can't say 'Oh Einstein wasn't such a great idea, look at all the problems we've had since then, let's forget him'."

So what about the silent majority who cannot understand why a can of paint thrown at a wall should be revered. "The silent majority are not concerned," Mr Schubert says. "They don't go to such exhibitions, because they're not interested." Nonetheless, more people go to art galleries than to football matches and visitors to the Tate in London have doubled in five years. The interest is stronger than ever and it would be a shame if the experts were too busy infighting to give them some gentle guidance.

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Power play of little boys

The male world of video games uses brutality, not old-style cunning

Marina Warner delivered her second Reith lecture, "Boys Will Be Boys: The Making of the Male", last night and used evidence from Homer to home video games to show how men in modern society are shaped by role models devoid of communication skills and cunning.

The clever heroes of Greek myths and fairy stories have been blasted away by modern technology, she says, their places filled by role models who solve problems only by force. Warner cites evidence from a visit to the Future Entertainment Show, held at Olympia last year. She says she felt like an "interloper" in a world where the customers and players of video games were almost all boys. In the games, mythical monsters are "shot 'n' blasted, hacked 'n' slashed, one by one ... until the hero busts his way through", she says.

The message is a depressing one: "The treasure and wisdom attained at the end of the slaughter — the pause before it begins again — confer authority, in other words, power."

The way men deal with monsters helps to define their identity, she says. In Frankenstein, Mary Shelley created the immediate forebear of today's man-made video-game monsters. But the fundamental message of her novel is now overlooked, Warner says. "She grasped the likelihood that a man might make a monster in his own image and then prove incapable of taking responsibility for him," she says.

In her novel, published in 1818, Shelley's monster pleads with his creator, Victor Frankenstein: "Remember that I am thy creature ... I was benevolent and good: misery made me a fiend. Make me happy and I shall again be virtuous." But in the plots of video games, nobody "sits down to learn to talk, as Frankenstein's creature does so poignantly and elaborately", says Warner.

The lack of women characters in video games, with the odd damsel in distress or "dewy-eyed girl hoodlum" as exceptions, emphasises the sense of alienation of women from men, she says.

Killing monsters still has relevance for the emerging male character: it "feeds the definition of him as a man" in the same way as in ancient times for the heroes of Greece and the samurai of Japan. But the skills learnt are not helpful for modern men: "Warrior fantasies today offer a quick rush of compensatory power, but pass on no survival skills — either for a working or a family life."

The cunning heroes of myth, like Odysseus and Oedipus, have no modern equivalent. Warner argues. When Oedipus meets the sphinx, a battle of wits ensues. There is no bloodshed while the hero solves her riddle, and after his victory he leaves her alone. In Homer, Odysseus tells the Cyclops his name is nobody, so that after he has blinded the creature in his one eye, Cyclops calls for help: "Nobody has blinded me!" Cyclops's father, the god of the sea, and the other Olympians duly ignore him.

But now the "little man, the riddler, or trickster" has faded from heroic myths, as reflected in comics, rock bands, Clint Eastwood and Arnold Schwarzeneger films. "Cunning intelligence has been superseded by force as the wellspring of male authority, of power," she says.



MARINA WARNER
1994 REITH LECTURES

In a study of why men such as Serbian soldiers commit rape in war, Warner rejects the feminist argument that "all men are rapists" who do in war what they do in peace, only more so. "These sweeping assertions work against mobilising change: they present as sovereign truth ... the idea that the swagger and the cudgel come naturally to men, due to their testosterone, a hormone that, according to this view, is always in excess," she says.

Warner defends single mothers, who are often blamed for delinquency among young men. "The culture that produces irresponsible fathers openly extols a form of masculinity opposed to continuity, care, connection, negotiations and even cunning," she says.

In conclusion, Warner turns back to Shelley, who offers a compelling definition of power in her apocalyptic novel, *The Last Man*. "This, I thought, is Power! Not to be strong of limb, hard of heart, ferocious and daring; but kind, compassionate and soft," Shelley writes. "It's a measure of the depths of our present failure of nerve that these words sound ridiculous, embarrassing, inappropriate," says Warner.

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British soldier wounded as Government sets deadline on future of troops in former Yugoslavia

UK assured of new American efforts to end Bosnia war

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND MICHAEL EVANS



Two leading women in the Muslim world, Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, left, and Tansu Ciller, her Turkish counterpart, outside the presidency during a visit yesterday to Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital, where they criticised the West for failing to protect its citizens

BRITAIN wil take a formal decision next nonth on whether to pull is troops out of Bosnia, following intensive consultations on Tuesday in Washington that have done much to narrow renewed transatlantic lifferences.

In talks wth Al Gore, the US Vice-Prsident, Warren Christopher,the US Secretary of State, anx William Perry, the Defence Secretary-desiqnate, Douqlas Hurd, the Foreign Secretay, urged Washington to plv a more active role in peac talks, and was told that the \dministration is now looking it ways of putting new pressur on all the warring factions But congressional leaders gave a blunt warning that there was no prospect in the forseeable future of America sending ground forces to Bosnia-Herzegovina

Yesterday, on Mr Hurd's return from Washington, a British soldier was shot in the shoulder as he was driving through Gornji Vakuf in central Bosnia. He was the 18th soldier to have been wounded since British troops were deployed in November 1992.



Hurd: held intensive talks in United States

The soldier, who was not named, was travelling in a "soft skin" Land Rover from Split in Croatia where he is based with the British forces headquarters. He was on his way to Vitez, where most of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards are stationed at a camp just outside the town.

Gornji Vakuf has been the focus of intense fighting in recent months between Muslims and Croats competing for control of the town that straddles the main aid route that runs through to Vitez. The British soldier suffered a flesh wound to his left shoulder and was treated initially at a British camp in Gornji Vakuf before being transferred to the main British army medical centre at Vitez. An army spokesman said the wounded soldier was "stable and comfortable".

Mr Hurd insisted that whatever the Government's decision on its troops in Bosnia — who appear increasingly likely to stay — the war could be ended only through negotiations and not by military means. Unlike the French, he did not ask the Americans to put pressure on the Bosnian Muslims to accept the proposed peace settlement. But he hoped their European Union negotiator would play a more active role — despite reluctance by Lord Owen, and personal antagonism towards him in Washington.

America has promised to unveil a number of unspecified measures to put pressure on the three warring groups within the next week, probably before the EU foreign ministers meet on Monday. These could include possible sanctions against Croatia. There was close agreement with both the Clinton Administration and with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, that punitive air strikes must be ruled out. The Pentagon said that people could not be bombed back to the peace table. The Clinton Administration has backed away from its earlier support for lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia, and nobody raised this in talks with Mr Hurd.

The Foreign Secretary said that if British troops stay, the UN aid effort must be made more effective. He underlined the importance of a "robust" interpretation of the UN forces' mandate.

The UN's top peacekeeping official and its political supremo are to tour the Balkans later this month to study ways of improving the UN effort in the former Yugoslavia if British and other UN troops remain. Kofi Annan, the head of UN peacekeeping, and Marrack Goulding, the British undersecretary-general for political affairs, are to hold talks with UN commanders in Zagreb and Split on February 15 and 16. Diplomats say the talks will focus on finding ways to make the UN operation more effective. The results of the talks, described by one UN source as a "brainstorming", will be presented to the security council by Dr Boutros Ghali in a broad report due by the end of next month.



Croatian fighter's story discredits the politicians

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN ZENICA

THIN, drawn, and bearing visible signs of ill treatment, Ivica Jeger was oken proof of the Croatian army's involvement in the bosnian war. Presented at a news conference given by Megmet Alaghic, commander of the Bosnian army's Third Corps in Zenica, he had been captured by government troops fighting in Bosnia.

"I am from Osijek (Croatia) and am a member of the 5th Domobran Brigade of the Croatian army, captured last month in Gornji Vakuf," he said quietly. "The HV (Croatian army) is present in Bosnia as an organised force, a small percentage of whom are volunteers. The rest are mobilised to fight on the battlefields of Bosnia against their will."

His story was an indictment of the Croatian government's covert policy of deploying its forces in the war, and an outright contradiction of a statement by Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, who said yesterday: "I cannot confirm that Croatian troops are fighting here."

A waiter in civilian life, Jeger received his call-up papers in Osijek and was sent ostensibly on manoeuvres with his unit on January 7. He was told that he would be away from home for three weeks. The reality was different.

"My unit got on the bus, and we soon realised that we were not travelling in the right direction. We immediately protested, but in the bus with us were three armed military police, and our personal weapons were in a truck behind. We didn't know where we were going and we could do nothing about it."

The bus took them from Croatia north to Frozor, the last Bosnian Croat-held town before the front line around Gornji Vakuf. There they were handed their weapons and sent to the front.

His statement — with Commander Alaghic's announcement that "the Third Corps is now officially in conflict with the HV on Bosnian soil" — confirmed what for most people in central Bosnia has been an open secret for some time. The cuts above Jeger's right eye and his pale, tired countenance could have been interpreted as signs of coercion, but his story was lucid and detailed, besides which the HV presence around the front line near Prozor is overt and makes the recent denial in Strasbourg by Mate Granic, Croatia's Foreign Minister, of any direct HV involvement risible.

In Here last week, scene of a reported massacre of Muslim civilians, HV troops in sophisticated winter warfare clothing prowled openly through the smoking rubble, looting whatever was left.

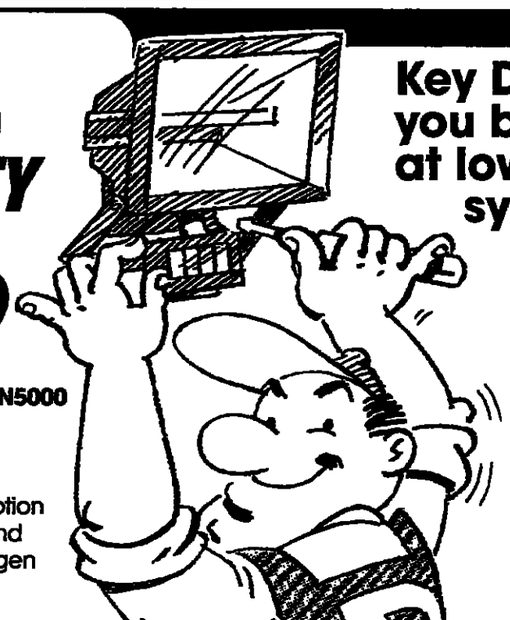
The operational commander in the Prozor area, Colonel Zvonimir Skender, who had given journalists permission to enter the village, was himself a Croat and a former French Foreign Legionnaire. He is one of the new breed of men in Bosnia, imported from Croatia by Ante Roso, their overall commander, himself a recent arrival.

As T55 tanks rumbled past his headquarters, HV officers stood outside in the snow smoking and talking, their Croatian arm insignias brazenly exposed.

United Nations briefings regurgitate an almost daily catalogue of sightings of HV columns moving towards either Prozor or Jablanica, and UN officers estimate seven HV brigades to be operating along front lines extending from Mostar, Jablanica, Prozor and Gornji Vakuf. Commander Alaghic named six of them. An estimated 7,000 Croat troops are present in the Bosnian theatre. Captured identity cards, dog-tags and documents presented in Zenica appear to verify his identification.

Several times a week a Croat helicopter flies into the beleaguered Lasva valley from Split, landing in full view of the British base at Vitez. According to HVO sources, it delivers arms and ammunition, taking on board casualties before returning to Split.

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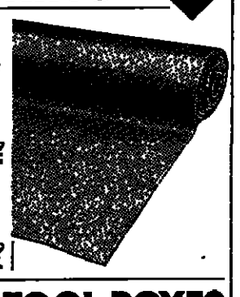
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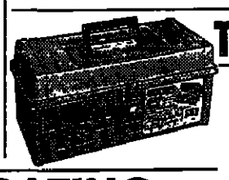
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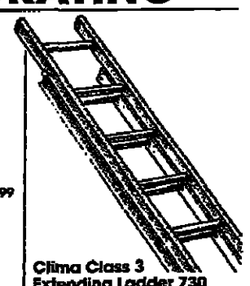
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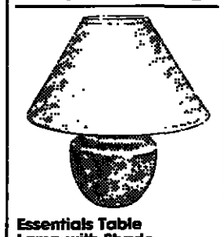
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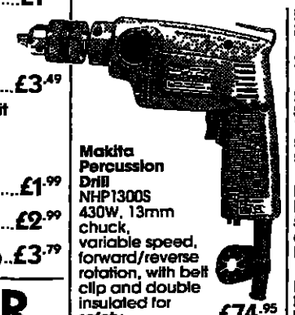
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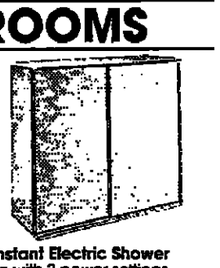
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■ Judges who believe in therapy instead of punishment are undermining the basis of law

Patrick Weighell assaulted his infant son regularly. During the first six weeks of the baby's life, Weighell inflicted 23 fractures which were finally discovered by a doctor. Left to look after his son for six hours a day, Weighell often became very angry. If the baby was difficult to change or feed, Weighell would deliberately squeeze or shake him in a way likely to cause pain and injury.

As the trial judge, Robert Pryor QC, said to Weighell rather superfluously, "I am sure you lost your temper occasionally". While few would disagree with this statement of the obvious, most of us part company with Judge Pryor on the appropriate legal response to such behaviour.

What the judge recommended was a course of "anger management" therapy to be attended by Weighell while on 18 months probation. He is to receive no punishment as such: no custodial sentence, not even community service. What he will get is treatment for what is seen as an unacceptable personality trait. One of the reasons given by Judge Pryor for this lenient sentence is that Weighell had shown remorse. This remorse was principally manifested in the form of a letter to the court in which Weighell expressed a hope that the family might be reunited.

Given that the assaults on his son were inflicted repeatedly over the entire span of the baby's life until the law intervened, you may question how much remorse Weighell felt before being apprehended. If he did feel spontaneous regret for his appalling actions on each and every occasion, you may wonder why he did not then recognise himself to be an unfit person to care for a baby and take steps to remove the child from his own dangerous impulses.

But let us err on the side of charity and assume that Weighell's protestations of remorse are quite genuine. Should being sorry excuse you from punishment? True, it may mean you are less likely to repeat this particular offence — remorse suggests that you are already on the road to reform — but to eliminate punishment altogether suggests that the law is paying less attention to the quality of the act than to the emotions of the offender.

This theory is given credence by Judge Pryor's apparent assumption that Weighell was not so much a criminal as a victim of his own lack of self-control. His crime had no ulterior motive: it was not done premeditatedly for illicit gain like a robbery. It simply *consisted* of losing his temper. Therefore, treating his flawed personality was more to the point than any of the things which punishment is traditionally supposed to be about: retribution, deterrence or character reform.

In fact, there are many people who see virtually all crime in these terms: burglary, mugging and car theft — being symptoms of emotional or social deprivation — are also signs that the perpetrators are incapable of self-control. Any anti-social behaviour is a species of acting out one's frustrations — a favourite notion of those therapists to whom Judge Pryor has entrusted Patrick Weighell. But I do not wish to pursue the wider debate about whether individuals, as opposed to the social conditions which formed them, are responsible for their acts.

The Weighell sentence raises a more specialised argument. If people committing unquestionably criminal acts — such as assaulting a baby — regularly become cases for treatment rather than punishment, then the basis of our system of criminal law is fundamentally changed.

As it stands, the purpose of the law is to prohibit certain acts, not to evaluate and reconstruct personalities. Of course punishment may be reduced by mitigating factors. Stealing food when you are starving is an obvious example.

> It is not the purpose of the law to reconstruct personality

But to refrain from punishment because the criminal is of a particular temperament, or has a certain susceptibility, is to remove the idea of guilt as the basis of criminal prosecution. Of course, the crime of baby-battering is likely to be committed by the short-tempered. How many baby-batterers are not, by definition, out of control when they act? Should none of them be punished?

Is "baby-battering" not a crime at all but the symptom of a parent who needs treatment? There are those who would say so, but their view is not usually associated with free societies. If crime is defined not as wrong-doing, but as personality disorder or social problem, then the object of the law is to diagnose rather than to punish. And this is, in fact, the practice of modern totalitarian societies who regard mind-control techniques such as enforced "re-education" as the appropriate way to deal with any deviation from socially accepted behaviour.

Psychological treatment may look like a benign alternative to imprisonment, but in a democracy the law exists to enforce an agreed set of rules, not to reshape people's temperaments. The courts are supposed to assume that we all have free will, and confine themselves to judging our actions. This assumption may sometimes be wrong, but it is less dangerous than presuming to rearrange our minds.



An Irishman abroad

America's welcome for Gerry Adams was only following the British lead

William Rees-Mogg

I have no difficulty understanding the Irish-American culture, since on my mother's side it is the culture from which I come. All four of her grandparents emigrated from Ireland in the 1850s. They were Roman Catholics. They named my grandfather Daniel, after the Irish patriot, Daniel O'Connell. They had memories of ancestors who had fought for Irish independence in the 1798 rebellion: Cardinal Cullen, the 19th-century Catholic leader, was a second cousin. Like the other Irish who went to America, they had deeply ingrained memories of the potato famine of the 1840s, in which millions of people died. The Irish saw the great famine as genocide by wilful neglect.

The Irish who arrived in the United States were not a unified community. They preserved the class structure of the old country. Some, including my great-grandparents, came from the Irish middle class, which included larger farmers, teachers, clerical families, estates agents, horse dealers and so on. That middle class had intermarried with lesser members of the Anglo-Irish ascendancy. They mostly had enough money to survive the famine; they took to America their tiny capital and their horse-management or other skills; they usually prospered. Small advantages make a vital difference in an immigrant community.

The large majority of Irish immigrants were much poorer, had suffered great losses in the famine, and crowded with no resources into the slums of New York, Boston, Baltimore and other big cities. Their leaders made their way by keeping saloons, by taking city jobs, by political patronage and by corruption. The middle class were derided by the saloon-keeper class as "lace-curtain Irish", and the lace-curtain Irish spoke of the peasants in the slums as "bog-trotters". These social differences have disappeared, or been replaced by the ordinary class differences of American society.

Hardly anyone now asks the Kennedys when they stopped trotting the bogs, even in Boston, but the stigma of social inferiority inside an immigrant group itself regarded as inferior survives in unappeased resentment. Despite a century of opportunity and prosperity, there is still a feeling of grievance in many Irish-Americans, as one can see from the Kennedys themselves. The Irish are one of the angriest of American ethnic groups.

Nearly a century and a half after the main emigration, the Irish-Americans have largely lost any contact with Ireland itself. Many of them will have made a tourist visit and perhaps looked for ancestors in the churchyard of an Irish village, but that is all. They retain a sentimental affection for Ireland. Most but not all of them remain Roman Catholic. They have, however, little or no knowledge of the realities of modern Irish life, and are usually hopelessly confused about the main facts.

They believe that Ireland has historically been wronged, which is true. They believe that Britain has been a disastrous governing power in Ireland, which is also true. But they do not know about the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, or else they regard them as a mere excuse for Britain's remaining as a colonial power; that is not true. Many of them think that the IRA, though terrorists, are gallant freedom fighters who represent the national will and eventual destiny of the Irish people; that is not true either.

One can see that such a community, with its mixture of substantial ignorance and not unjustified historical resentment, is very vulnerable to propaganda. Gerry Adams's phenomenal public relations success was predictable, at least with the Irish-American community. The question is whether it was a disaster for hopes of peace, as the British Government believes, or essentially helpful, as the Irish government believes.

The British argument contains some undoubted truths. The spectacle of Gerry Adams dancing rings around the American press and television companies was disturbing. It further alienated the Northern Ireland Protestants, who see Gerry Adams as a terrorist leader with partial responsibility for thousands of Protestant deaths and mutilations. If there is a Protestant backlash, Gerry Adams's visit will have helped to promote it. The visit also alienated the British, who have also suffered from terrorism. Bill Clinton is a President many British people instinctively distrust: they trust him even less now.

Yet one has to consider the Irish argument. If the Downing Street declaration is followed by a cessation of the IRA terrorism, the question of Irish reunification would be indefinitely postponed. For the declaration explicitly says that a united Ireland cannot happen without the consent of the people of Northern Ireland, and polls show there is no majority for a united Ireland even among the Catholic population of Northern Ireland. In some form, Ireland might nominally be reunited — perhaps through some European constitutional process — some time in the next century, but that is all that nationalists could realistically hope for. The Northern Ireland veto in the declaration is therefore hard for nationalists to accept, even though a permanent ceasefire would allow British troops to be removed, and despite the declaration recognition of the Republic's parallel interest in Northern Ireland's future.

The Irish government hopes that Gerry Adams wants an end to violence, that he sincerely wishes to persuade the IRA to accept a permanent ceasefire. An equally plausible view is that he does not intend to accept the present terms, or any terms which include the Northern Ireland veto. It is not even certain that Gerry Adams himself has decided which he will plump for; it would be characteristic of a politician, even a terrorist politician, to wait and see how his constituency reacts. The constituency in this case is the extreme nationalist community in Northern Ireland, including the IRA.

The American government had to decide whether to follow the advice of the Irish government and grant a visa or that of the British Government and refuse it. Once he had his visa — given the emotional sympathy of the Irish-American community and the pat-ball questioning of American commentators — Gerry Adams could not fail to achieve a media triumph. This has strengthened his political position. He is now an American media hero, like Nelson Mandela, and not a villain, like Colonel Gaddafi, which makes him more powerful in every way, internationally, in the Republic of Ireland, and in Northern Ireland itself.

Is that in Britain's interest or not? It will not make the British forgive him. Like other Britons, I have known too many people who have been killed by Irish terrorism, and am not likely to forget them. But there is a diplomatic question. Will this great accession of strength to Gerry Adams, which is now a fact, advance or retard a peace settlement?

I suppose the American argument must be that it was necessary to build up Gerry Adams, so that he has authority enough to persuade his own people to accept a settlement which includes a Northern Ireland veto. That implies that he really wants a settlement now, and is not merely playing his hand in the hope of achieving some later settlement in which the Northern Ireland veto would be phased out. The British Government was not prepared to risk this great strengthening of Gerry Adams, presumably because it thinks the more powerful he becomes the more difficult it will be to reach agreement with him. Ministers do not trust Gerry Adams. Why should they?

We shall soon know who was right. If there is a peace settlement, the Irish and American tactic will have been justified. If there is no ceasefire, the situation will plainly be worse than before. The Northern Ireland Protestants will be more alienated, the nationalists more inflamed, the British more suspicious of the United States, the Irish-Americans more suspicious of Britain, Gerry Adams stronger, the problem still further from solution. The killing will go on.

That however was the risk of the joint declaration from the beginning. It has always been a gamble, which could be justified only by a permanent cessation of terrorism. Once such a process is started, it has a momentum of its own, as the Adams visa demonstrated. The British Government made the original judgment that the IRA wanted peace; it has little reason to complain that the Americans have made the same judgment. Both will either be vindicated by peace, or face worse bitterness and more terror.

The Right manifesto for Europe

Bernard Jenkin offers a non-federalist vision

The Treaty of Rome has to be renegotiated again at fresh intergovernmental conferences in 1996. Unless the Conservatives in Britain can develop a clear and coherent alternative to European federalism, we will suffer the same malaise that afflicted the Government in the negotiations before Maastricht. That was a confrontation for which Britain was unprepared.

The Commission and its supporters had spent years polishing up their federalist ideas. Most Conservatives in Britain, meanwhile, were comforting themselves with the false belief that there wasn't a serious federalist idea to be reckoned with, that it would never happen. The then Prime Minister was ambushed at the Rome summit in the autumn of 1990, and the Conservatives found themselves ill-prepared, with little more than the broad rhetoric of Margaret Thatcher's Bruges speech with which to fight a whole new ideology.

Since then, some of us in the "No Turning Back" group have been developing a new vision. In this we are at one with John Major. Just before the first European Council under Belgian presidency, five weeks before the new treaty was due to come into force, he relaunched the British Conservative view of Europe and of the practical ways in which it should develop. He lambasted the federalist ideologues, asking in September last year what people all over Europe were mostly concerned to achieve: "Not to reduce the number of currencies, but to increase the number of jobs." He went on: "For us, the nation-state is here to stay ... It is clear now that the Community will remain a union of sovereign national states. That is what its peoples want: to take decisions through their own national parliaments."

Along with a small group of MPs, I have spent the past few months working on a new programme of ideas and arguments for the Government to consider in the preparations for renegotiating the treaty, two years hence. We take our theme from the Prime Minister's words then, which John Biffen dubbed "the Brixton manifesto".

Europe can prosper only through the dynamism, diversity and democracy of its individual nations. The failed exchange-rate mechanism is unlikely to succeed if it is revived. Governments cannot set exchange-rate targets and also remain responsive to domestic monetary targets. Trying to impose a single currency on the Community is both dangerous and expensive. Floating currencies can absorb the shocks and wide economic disparities across Europe which would otherwise have to be paid for with vast cohesion funds.

Social policy should not be a concern of the Community at all. It should be left to individual states. The common agricultural policy should be completely reformed, abolishing the principle of price support. The EC should be leading the world towards free trade. It should set a better example by liberalising trade with Eastern Europe and speeding up EC enlargement, which is currently being inhibited by protectionism. It is also vital that the nation states respect each other's foreign policies; nor should they try to reinvent Nato. To control illegal immigration effectively, national governments have a right to apply effective passport checks at national frontiers. "Citizenship of the Union" should be abolished; it is redundant and misleading in a Europe of nation states.

Our group proposes greater scrutiny of the EC by the national parliaments, re-asserting the primacy of the national heads of government by increasing the role of the European Council and by reducing the powers of the Commission to initiate legislation. The Court of Justice should also be reformed, so as to limit, rather than constantly expanding, the EC's powers over its own members.

It is clear that Britain is opposed to a federal Europe, and there should be no equivocation about this. On both sides of the Channel, a federal state is one in which the member states subordinate their national responsibilities to a higher authority. The key characteristic is that the law of the combined entity as interpreted by its own organs is binding on the member states. The question we must address again for 1996 is whether the British people or other European nationals wish to see their nations as subordinate parts of a higher entity. They don't. They want the nation state to be the foundation of a more constructive and durable Community. These are popular themes.

The Conservative Party is naturally the internationalist party, as much as the party of the nation state. Our desire to be part of the Community is in keeping with that tradition of involvement across the world, but it should not be at the exclusion of all else. Our problem is that we embraced the Community as an opportunity and it has become something of a threat.

The No Turning Back Group and the European Foundation today publish A Conservative Europe *by Bernard Jenkin, Iain Duncan-Smith, Barry Legg, Walter Sweeney and John Whittingdale.*

A new challenge?

YOUR starter for ten, and no conferring. Who is fast emerging as frontrunner to succeed Sir David Calcutt as Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge? Answer: Bamber Gascoigne.

Splendidly qualified to return to his *alma mater*, where he won a first in English, Gascoigne is seen by many at high table as possessing the ideal blend of intellect and gravitas, leavened by a media-friendly image. In these tough days for academia, the veteran *University Challenge* quizmaster is also thought likely to prove effective at raising college funds.

Gascoigne's crucial test may be his performance as guest speaker at Magdalene's big money-spinning dinner, to be held at London's Mansion House later this month in the presence of another distinguished Magdalene old boy, the Lord Mayor, Paul Newall.

From his home by the Thames at Richmond, Gascoigne says he is surprised, flattered and cautious about the prospect of a return to Magdalene. "My life is sitting in a room and writing books. It would certainly require some thinking about. But the example of John Tusa is not exactly an encouraging one for those in the media thinking of making the transition."

He recalls his college days with affection: "It's a small and incredibly friendly college, although it doesn't have a very high reputation for academic achievement. But I'm delighted to hear there are rumours that I might be *papabile*." Bonus points for spotting the white smoke first.



● *Growing weary of arguing with Marsha Hunt over whether it is possible to be both white and a slave, Joan Brady, author of the Whitbread prizewinner* Theory of War, *is looking forward to a spot of civilised book-signing with her friend and Devon neighbour Mary Wesley. Both will be in Harrods tomorrow, with Wesley autographing her new novel* An Imaginative Experience. *So can book-buyers look forward to a demonstration of synchronised signing? "Sadly no," laughs Brady. "I think Mary is on first. It's more a case of serial signing."*

Batons waving

SOME people will do anything to get their hands on some Glyndebourne tickets. Having revealed his magnificent new opera theatre to the world, Sir George Christie, Glyndebourne's chairman, returned to the house to enjoy a peaceful pre-prandial drink with his wife, Mary. It was not to be.

Enter thieves noisily — through the dining-room window. But a man who can get a whole opera house built in 18 months is not to be trifled with. "George got in his car and chased after them," reports Lady Christie. "Luckily he has a Mercedes which is very, very fast." While she called the police, her husband drove furiously through the Sussex village until he had noted their number plates. Who needs bold gendarmes?

Record breakers

TWO of the most enduring stars of stage and screen are celebrating birthdays this month with the release of a record. Norman Wisdom, who is 79 tomorrow is taking a break from falling over for a living to record his first album for 25 years. It will, he says, have a country and western flavour.

"When pop music came, I didn't bother because I am not a pop enthusiast," explains Wisdom, who has just finished celebrating being made a freeman of Douglas on the Isle of Man. "But now things like country and western are back."

A week after Wisdom's birthday, Larry Adler, the harmonica player, will kick off a week of parties to mark his 80th birthday; and a record in his honour will be released in May. "I'm playing Gershwin songs with people like Elton John, Sting, Chris de Burgh and Elvis Costello," he says. Perhaps he should give Norman a ring.

Dizzy heights

FRIENDS, and just a few foes, were out in force at the launch of Adam Sisman's *A.J.P. Taylor: A Biography* at the Imperial War Museum on Tuesday night. "It's a splendid book," said fellow historian Lord Beloff, a recommendation echoed by Sir Stephen Spender: "I liked it very much. It gives a good impression of him and it shows how mean he could be, although he was never mean to me."

Taylor's old friend Michael Foot had taken time off from working on his biography of H.G. Wells. The former Labour leader was escorted by his loyal 14-year-old mongrel Disraeli, despite the museum's "no dogs" rule, usually strictly enforced. So how had Foot and canine friend made it through the door? "Simple. I told them Disraeli knew Taylor."

● *Bath may have ousted the former Tory party chairman at the last election, but Chris Patten clearly retains a certain fondness for his old haunts. From 9,000 miles away in Hong Kong, the Governor has written to West Wiltshire district council to protest at plans to erect a 100ft radio mast in Corkwell in the Limpley Stoke valley, where he still has a cottage. The huge structure would be "totally out of keeping and scale" with the hamlet, grumbles Patten. Easier than convincing the Chinese.*

Pot luck

THE path of art can be a curious one. A play opening next week in a north London theatre owes its existence to a game of pool. *Next Time I'll Sing for You* is being put on by the DNA Theatre company under the direction of Leigh Lawson, Twiggy's actor husband.

Some 18 months ago, members of the company were bemoaning their shortage of funds over a quiet game of pool, and told one of their opponents, a Scotsman, that they could not afford to put on another play. "He left the pub and returned after half an hour with £2,000 in cash, saying he didn't want it back, he wished to remain anonymous and that we weren't to discuss it with him again," says Adam Lewis of DNA.

Lewis wants to invite the anonymous patron to the first night but cannot find him. An incentive, perhaps, is the play's venue: the former pool-hall of the Hen and Chickens in Islington.

New outbreak of mercury poisoning... hopes rise on arthritis drug... hair restorer's double life

Legacy of the mad hatters



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MINDFUL of Philip Larkin's *comments* about parents, it seemed kinder not to tell my patient that his infertility was the outcome of his mother's obsession in his early childhood with his bowels, and not, as he had always assumed, a punishment for some youthful folly as a result of which he had caught gonorrhoea.

His mother, a back to basics woman, believed in nursery discipline, which included well ordered bowels. If her children, when growing up in the 1940s, did not go to the lavatory daily, they were given calomel, mercurous chloride, a laxative so strong that it was recommended as a de-wormer. Her son's troubles were not confined to his reproductive system, as he also had severe sinusitis, nasal polyps, and a hacking, productive cough. He was in fact suffering from Young's syndrome, one of the manifestations of mercury poisoning in childhood, which later causes sinusitis, bronchiectasis, a chronic lung infection, and blocked epidymal tubes, the sperm-carrying tubes leading from the testes.

Mercury poisoning was comparatively common in childhood until mercury's use as a laxative, de-wormer and teething paste was discontinued in 1955. As well as being in danger of developing Young's syndrome, children were always at risk of pink disease, in which babies characteristically developed acrodynia, a condition in which the limbs became red, cold and swollen, and the child *tetchy and irritable*, refusing food and turning away from the light.

In the 19th century, poisoning with mercury vapour, given off from hot mercuric nitrate used in the production of felt hats, ruined the hatters' kidneys and affected their nervous system, so that they became emotionally unstable as well as tremulous. Hence the term "*as mad as a hatter*".

Calomel may be banned now from the bathroom cupboard, *teething pastes and* powders are mercury-free and safe, felt *hats are made* without risk to either the hatter's psyche or renal function, but outbreaks of mercury poisoning still occur. Particularly at risk are people who work in laboratories and handle quicksilver, dentists and dental mechanics who make fillings, especially if they are careless, and smoke or bite their finger-nails after handling the metal. More recently, there have been outbreaks from eating fish caught from water polluted by mercury in industrial waste, and, in the 1970s, there was an epidemic in Iraq when wheat seed treated with mercury dressings was illicitly used for *baking rather than for agriculture*.

Mercury poisoning is again in the news. Doctors practising in the Thanet area of Kent, and former workers in a chemical plant in Margate, have been warned by the Health and Safety Executive that some people may have suffered unacceptably high levels of exposure to mercury. Like the Victorian hat-makers of Luton, the workers had complained of excessive dribbling, bleeding, sore gums, kidney *problems and loss of balance*.

My patient is not the only man in late middle-age to suffer sinusitis and infertility from taking mercury in childhood. Mr William Hendry, a consultant urologist at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, has seen 122 patients at the hospital between 1975 and 1993 in whom this diagnosis is probable. Mercury may be a joy to play with during a boring chemistry or physics lecture, but it was, and is, highly toxic.

Shot of pain

FEW diseases are as painful and miserable as rheumatoid arthritis. This is a generalised disease, for the patient feels awful in him or herself, as well as suffering from joint pains. The disease usually attacks the peripheral limb joints, those of the hand, wrist, feet, elbows and knees, and progressively destroys the articular surfaces.

The onset of the disease, which affects about 1 per cent of the population, can be very sudden, or it can be insidious and slowly progressive. The disease affects three times more women than men, and can start at any age, although the first attack usually affects young adults.

Distressing as rheumatoid arthritis is, patients should remember that even with standard medical care, 75 per cent will show considerable improvement within the first year, and only 10 per cent will later become crippled.

A new drug using the monoclonal antibody, the so-called magic bullet principle, attacks the human necrosis factor, which destroys healthy tissue. Arthritis sufferers Anita Young and Tania Elbury say the new drug has transformed their lives. The research has been carried out at the Kennedy Institute attached to the Charing Cross Hospital, west London.

However, rheumatologists have greeted the news with some caution, for they stress that in the search for a treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, there have been many false dawns. The research work at the Kennedy Institute is still at a comparatively early stage, and prolonged, controlled trials are needed to assess the drug's efficacy and safety before the new treatment can be heralded as a significant advance.



Arthritis victims Anita Young (left) and Tania Elbury praise the drug

Follicle folly



REGAINE, a liquid preparation of the drug, Minoxidil, is the only product licensed as a *hair restorer*. It isn't successful in all cases, for the longer the baldness has been present, the less likely it is to succeed. However, in suitably selected cases it gives a worthwhile result.

Minoxidil is also a vasodilator, and so it was only a matter of time before somebody would think of trying the effect on an unresponsive penis.

General Practitioner magazine reports some success by doctors working in America; but it is not as the manufacturers, Upjohn, warn, licensed for this use. An Upjohn spokeswoman said that its own scientists were indeed studying the use of Minoxidil in the treatment of impotence, but until their experiments were complete, it was not recommended for this use.

One of the hazards of artificially inducing erection with vasodilators is that they can cause priapism, a prolonged, painful erection which if it persists for too long, can irretrievably damage the delicate mechanism.

Blame it on fags

Claims that passive smoking causes cancer are untrue, says **Dr James Le Fanu**



Passive smoking is now blamed for an ever lengthening list of diseases, but for most of them the evidence is at best shaky and in some cases downright fanciful

Yesterday's announcement by TV personality Anne Diamond at a Health Education Authority conference that passive smoking is now the main cause of cot death adds to a lengthening list of diseases attributed to what the Americans call "Environmental Tobacco Smoke". These now include asthma and glue ear in children, breast cancer and brain tumours, heart disease and lung cancer.

Dr Stanton Glantz, of the University of California, has recently asserted that in America alone passive smoking causes 50,000 deaths a year. Not only humans but pets, it seems, are affected. A Californian veterinarian has found a slightly increased risk of lung cancer in dogs where there is a smoker in the home and last week the death from the same disease of a six-year-old, blue-feathered budgie called Peter was blamed on his owners' 40-a-day habit.

There certainly is a clear, if weak, association between the number of adult smokers in a household and acute exacerbations of asthma in children. But much of the rest of the evidence indicting passive smoking is highly equivocal.

Proving a link between passive smoking and lung cancer was never likely to be easy, but back in the late 1970s researchers hit on the idea of comparing the rate of lung cancer in the non-smoking wives of smoking husbands with that where neither partner smoked. There have been 30 such studies with equivocal results — some showing a small positive effect, but others indicating that being married to a smoking husband might even protect against lung cancer. There were also some anomalous observations from the positive studies: one of the earliest showed that passive smoking was more dangerous than active smoking, as the non-smoking wives of heavy smokers seemed to have a higher rate of lung cancer than smoking wives.

In 1986, Professor Nicholas Wald, of St Bartholomew's Hospital, pulled all the data together in a statistical overview and concluded that passive smoking increased the risk of lung cancer by between 10 and 30 per cent, accounting for around 300 deaths from the disease a year in Britain.

Since then, numerous worthy committees have endorsed this conclusion and the experts have become more emphatic in their pronouncements. Professor Wald now believes the evidence to be "compelling" and Dr David Burns of the University of California, writing in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, says: "The causal relationship between Environmental Tobacco Smoke and lung cancer is now clearly established."

There is one small problem. There are essentially two types of lung cancer. The commonest are squamous and oat cell cancers, which arise from the cells lining the main bronchi. The second are called adenocarcinomas, which arise from glandular tissue in the air sacs in the periphery of the lung. From the early 1950s, when Sir Richard Doll and the late Sir Austin Bradford-Hill first proved that smoking caused lung cancer, the important distinction was made that the cancers caused were of the squamous and oat cell type. In 1964, at the conclusion of their famous 10-year study of doctors' smoking habits, they found "no marked association with smoking and adenocarcinoma". On the very rare occasions that non-smokers do get lung cancer, it is almost always of the adenocarcinoma type.

In the passive smoking studies it is just this type of cancer whose rate has allegedly increased among non-smoking wives of smoking husbands. It is therefore necessary to suppose, if the passive smoking story is to be believed, that carcinogenic cigarette smoke as inhaled by smokers over many years causes one type of cancer, and that the same smoke, as inhaled by passive smokers at doses tens of thousands of times lower causes an entirely different type of cancer, not usually associated with smoking and in a different part of the lung.

Rationalising this in *The Lancet* last year Dr Clark Heath, of the American Cancer Society, writes: "Presumably this histological and anatomical shift from squamous and oat cell cancers in the central bronchi to adenocarcinomas in the periphery reflects the smaller particle size of Environmental Tobacco Smoke allowing deeper penetration of carcinogens into lung tissue." If you believe that, you'll believe anything.

A better explanation is provided by Professor Alvan Feinstein of Yale University Medical School, and distinguished editor of the *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. In a recent article he wrote: "As the evidence fails to comply with the prime requisites of scientific reasoning, the prosecution simply ignored these inconvenient results."

In the same article Dr Feinstein revealed that he "recently had heard an authoritative public health expert say 'yes it's rotten science, but it's in a worthy cause. It will help us get rid of cigarettes and become a smoke-free society'." There are indeed many good reasons for giving up smoking, but the fear of giving other people lung cancer is not one them.



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A machine to replace the smear test?

Women's days of waiting for results of doubtful accuracy may be numbered, reports **Martyn Halle**

An effective alternative to the cervical smear test could be available to women in Britain by the end of next year, eliminating worries about test procedures being followed correctly and laboratory errors in analysing results.

A team of doctors in Australia has developed a computer-aided device — the Polarprobe — which can detect pre-cancerous and cancerous cells in the cervix using light waves and electrical energy. Trials of the machine have just begun at the Whittington Hospital in London.

The probe is like a fat pencil and is connected to a laptop computer. It is inserted into the vagina and moved across the cervix to check for any abnormalities. It uses electrical signals and optics to "read" what is happening in the cervical tissue, and relays this information back to the computer.

"The beauty of the probe is its accuracy and speed," said Bevan Reid, emeritus professor of gynaecology at Sydney University, who developed the concept. "With the smear test, the sample has to be sent away, and it can often be weeks before the result comes back. There is a high degree of human error possible. The probe produces its results within minutes, while the patient is still in the room."

The probe operates on the principle that there are different blood-level flows in cancerous and non-cancerous tissue. It is able to pick up and differentiate between the various energy flows through the tissue of the cervix, and emits a series of bleeps when it comes across pre-cancerous or cancerous cells in a patient.

So far the machine has been used to examine more than 2,000 women in Australia and Singapore with excellent results. According to Professor Reid it has proved almost 100 per cent correct in its diagnoses. "We are looking at a machine which could open new doors in the prevention of cancer", he said.

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It took Professor Reid and Professor Malcolm Copplesson, a gynaecologist, many years to compile a computer program which could distinguish all the different types of cancer cells from healthy cervical cells. But they believe the Polarprobe will eventually replace the cervical smear test as the preferred method of checking for cancer.

As well as producing results within minutes, and doing away with laboratory analysis, the machine also warns doctors if they are not operating the probe correctly. "It means you shouldn't have the problems that have been encountered with the smear test," said Professor Reid. "The probe will guide the doctor so he does the examination correctly".

Professor Albert Singer, head of gynaecology at Whittington Hospital who is running the trial, said "If the results from Australia are as good as suggested then this will indeed be a very important breakthrough in the detection and prevention of cervical cancer. One of the biggest problems is early and accurate detection before the cancer has spread too far and is inoperable."

Professor Reid hopes to market the machine for no more than £3,000-£4,000. If the costs are kept down then it will allow most doctors and hospitals to have one. It will also mean that it can be made widely available to the third world (cervical cancer is the most common cancer of women in developing countries).

The research team is now looking at how the probe can be applied to other cancers. Initial trial results using it to detect skin cancers are encouraging and other possibilities include using it with endoscopic tubes for internal examination of the stomach and to detect difficult cancers of the prostate.

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February 2: The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this morning opened Lambeth Centre for Integrated Living, Barstow Crescent, London SW2.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, later opened the Mental Health Unit, Central Middlesex Hospital, Acton Lane, Park Royal, London NW10.

Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, this afternoon attended the Presentation Ceremony of The Princess Royal Award 1993 for the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, afterwards attended the Industry and Commerce Group Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 2: The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, today visited the 1st Battalion, Belfast Barracks, Osnabrück, Germany.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

February 2: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Drug and Alcohol Foundation, this afternoon received the Lord Mancroft on his appointment at Chairman.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.F. Brown and Miss G.E. Raworth
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of the late Mr Frederick Brown and of Mrs Valerie Brown, of Maidstone, Kent, and Gillian, daughter of Mr David Raworth, of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and Mrs Peter Ball, of Dorking, Surrey.

Mr A.W. Davies and Miss S.M.C. Thistlethwayte
The engagement is announced between Alexander William, younger son of the Hon Jonathan and Mrs Davies, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Sophy Mary Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Thistlethwayte, of Adderbury, Oxfordshire.

Dr T.J. Draycott and Miss F. Nott
The engagement is announced between Timothy John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graham White, of Childwickbury, Hertfordshire, and Francesca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Cedric Nott, of Middlewick Barton, Nomansland, Tiverton.

Mr L. Lewis and Miss S.E. Ward
The engagement is announced between Lawrie Lewis, of Monte Carlo, and Samantha Ward, daughter of Mr Christopher Ward and Lady Loader.

Mr P.J. Dunn and Fräulein S. Hartung
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Major and Mrs Andrew Baxter Dunn, of Irthington, Cumbria, and Sabine, only daughter of the late Herr Rolf Hartung and of Frau Ingeborg Hartung, of Hamburg-Harburg, Germany.

Mr G.R. Hadland and Miss J.E. Gordon-Cumming
The engagement is announced between Guy Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs P. Hadland, of C'as Concos, Mallorca, and Jane Evelyn, eldest daughter of the Rev H.J. and Mrs Gordon-Cumming, of Milland, Hampshire.

Mr H.C.G. Raymond and Miss H.M.G. Savage
The engagement is announced between Hugo, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Raymond, of Clapton-in-Gordano, Bristol, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Savage, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr N.P. Secrett and Miss S.C. Gooch
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr Gerald Secrett, of London, and Mrs Gerald Secrett, of Tunbridge Wells, and Susannah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gooch, of Wivenhoe, near Colchester, Essex.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Phobbies Club at Dersingham Church Hall, Norfolk, at 3.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend a one-day conference, Families and Crime Prevention, at the Royal College of Physicians at 10.00; and will deliver the Shaftesbury Lecture at Harrow School at 5.20.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Thrislington Sales, North Wales Trade Centre, Sandycroft, Deeside, Clwyd, at 10.15; will visit Nu-Kote International at Deeside Industrial Park at 11.00; will visit Warwick International at Dock Road, Mostyn, Holywell, at 1.30; and will visit Quest Refrigeration Manufacturing at Aber Park, Flint, at 2.30.

Birthdays today

Mr G.A. Allan, headmaster, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, 58; Sir Anthony Ament, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 72; Miss Gillian Ayres, painter, 64; Mr Val Doonican, singer, 65; Viscount Dunluce, 59; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, 69; the Earl of Hardwicke, 23; Sir Edgar Keatinge, former MP and company director, 89; Mr James A. Michener, author, 87; Baroness O'Cathain, 56; Miss Elaine Padmore, opera singer and director, 47; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, former director, WRAC, 78; Lord Sherfield, 90; Mr Glen Tetley, choreographer, 68; Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer, 66.


MIKE POWELL

Sarah Hopkins, exhibition curator, with a 1985 scheme to refashion the South Bank by Terry Farrell and Co, and, below, a 1925 proposal by an unknown Indian student

Seeking a South Bank solution

AN ARCHITECTURAL competition was announced yesterday to give a new lease of life to the much-maligned South Bank arts complex in London.

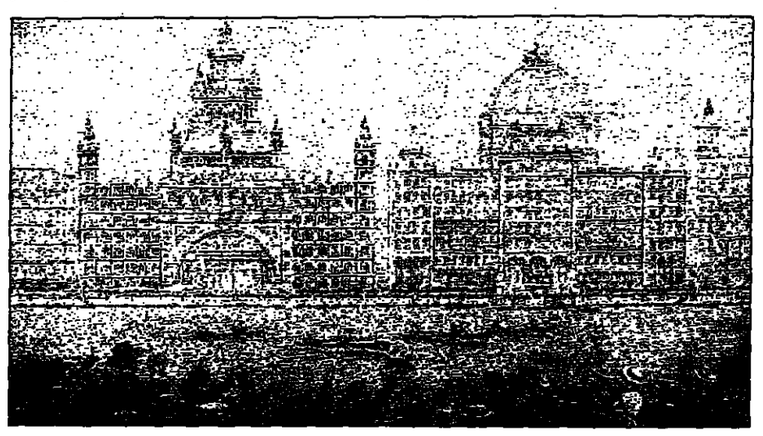
The South Bank Centre is seeking a masterplan to transform a riverfront area of the city long associated by Londoners with ugly concrete buildings and as a sorry haven for the homeless around Waterloo Bridge.

The competition calls for "the enlargement of the Hayward Gallery, the internal and external refurbishment of the Royal Festival Hall and the redesign of the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, to provide many of the facilities currently lacking on the site". The scheme would also include plans for a new 450-seat performance venue.

The announcement coincides with the opening of an exhibition at the Architecture Foundation in Bury Street, central London, which details plans over the last 240 years to develop the site.

The exhibition, *Building the South Bank: architectural projects 1753-1993*, reveals that in the 18th century the site of the Royal Festival Hall was little more than marsh and wasteland before main roads arrived with the building of the original Waterloo Bridge in 1811. The Lion Brewery was built in 1826 on the site of what is now the Festival Hall. That building, the first big public structure to be built in Britain in the Modern style, stands as the architectural legacy to the 1951 Festival of Britain. It was remodelled in 1962 and there have been many internal changes.

The Hayward Gallery was built by the then Greater London Council in 1964-68 while the National Theatre followed in 1976.



Marriage

Mr S.R. Markham and Miss C.E. White-Piggott
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 29, 1994, at St Mary's Church, Langley, Berkshire, between Stephen Richard Markham and Clare Elizabeth White-Piggott.

Banquet

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a banquet last night at the Mansion House for the archbishops, bishops and clergy of the Anglican Communion at home and overseas, aldermen, sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of London and their escorts. The Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York were the speakers.

The other guests included:

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and Mrs Hilton, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and Mrs Newton, Sir Peter Studd, Mrs J Banks, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Vanneck, Sir Allan and Lady Davis and the Dean of Chartres Cathedral.

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the Royal Society. The other speakers were Mr J.K. Overstall, Mr Eric Lipscombe, Dr Neil Cross and Mr Sean Mahon.

Divert
The Lord Chancellor was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner held last night in the Middle Temple in aid of Divert, a charity keeping young people out of crime. Lord Elton, chairman, was the host and Judge Tumim, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales, also spoke.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
Dr David Townsley Hughes, Deputy Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, presented Mr David Berry of Ometron with the 1993 Scientific Instrument Makers' Achievement Award at a dinner held last night at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall. Mr Donald Coleman, Master, presided at the dinner and presented the SIM Award for the best student on the 1993 MSc course in Industrial Measurement Systems at Brunel to Mr R. Perera, and was accepted on his behalf by Professor B.E. Jones. General Sir John Stibbon and Mr D.A. Wallis also spoke.

European-Atlantic Group
Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided at a discussion dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held at St James's Court Hotel, Buckingham Gate on Tuesday. The speaker was Mr Moshe Raviv, Ambassador of Israel. Lord Hylton, Sir Michael Burton, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Peter Blaker, Mr Gehad Madi and Dr Edward Carpenter also spoke.

The Royal Academy of Engineering/Royal Society of Edinburgh
Mr Ronald Garrick, CBE, FEng, FRSE, presided at the 1994 Royal Academy of Engineering/Royal Society of Edinburgh Lecture and Dinner held last night at The University of Strathclyde. The guest speaker was Mr Anthony Barrell, CB, FEng, Chief Executive, North Sea Safety, Health and Safety Executive, who spoke on "North Sea Safety after Piper Alpha".

Luncheon

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee
The Prime Minister was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Flowers, president, presided. Among others present were:

The Chinese Ambassador, Earl Jellicoe, the Earl of Halsbury, the Earl of Selborne, the Earl of Shannon, the Earl of Ilchester, Viscount Colderote, Viscount Hanworth, Viscount Mersey, Lord Gregson, Lord Sherfield, Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, Baroness Lockwood, Lord Kennet, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, Mr Alfred Morris, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Sir Ian Lloyd, Sir David Phillips, Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, Sir John Cadogan, Sir Alistair Grant, Sir William Barlow, Sir Hermann Bondi and Professor Sir Hans Kornberg.

Church news

The Rt Rev Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Rochester, is to be the next Bishop of Durham. He succeeds the Rt Rev David Jenkins, who is retiring on July 6.

The Rev Ian Booth, Curate, Holy Trinity, Hawley (Guildford); to be Vicar, St Mary's, Willesden (London).

Memorial service

Air Marshal Sir Harry Burton
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Harry Burton was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev G.B. McAvoy officiated. Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy read an extract from *The Life and Work of Ralph Comba Jackson*. Mr Jock Burton, brother, read "High Flight" by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee and Mr Ian Burton, son, read "The Desiderata". Mr John Dunne gave an address. Those present included:

Lady Burton (widow), Mrs Angela Beynon (daughter), Miss Allison Sayer (step-daughter), Mrs Ian Burton (daughter-in-law), Lucy Burton, Tim Burton and Kate Burton (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Ron Jennings (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Jock Burton (sister-in-law), Mrs Maxine Dewes, Mr and Mrs C McGinn, Mr and Mrs Russell Austin.

Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, the Hon Mrs Nicholas Assheton, Sir Antony Harris, Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding (Chief of the Defence Staff) and Lady Harding, Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon (Chief of the Air Staff), Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (Controller, RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges (RAF Escaping Society), Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock (Air Member for Supply and Organisation), Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling (Douglas Bader Foundation), Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Curtiss, Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness, Air Commodore Sir Archibald Winskill, Air Commodore Dame Felicity Peake, Lady Kennedy.

Air Commodore Ruth Montague (director, WRAF), Mr D Boone (Air Crew Association) and Mrs Boone, Mr L W Pilgrim (Bomber Command Association) and Mrs Pilgrim, Mr Len Thompson (100 and 150 Squadron), Mr Charles Swain (50 and 51 Squadron Reunion Association), Miss Patricia Thomson (matron, Princess Marina House), Mr M F Sykes (RAF and Dependants Disabled Holiday Trust), Miss Rosemary Harris, Mrs M Le Bas, Mrs John Dunne, Mr Martin Dunne, Air Vice-Marshal A C Dudgeon, Air Vice-Marshal P M S Hedgeland, Air Vice-Marshal F Hurrell, Group Captain D E Larkin, Group Captain Peter Harris, Squadron Leader T V Cordery and Mr Paul Cuzing.

The Cathedral School, Llandaff

Mr Lindsay Gray, MA (Cantab), PGCE, ARCO, presently Headmaster of Brightlands School, Newnham on Severn, has been appointed Headmaster of the Cathedral School and will take up his appointment in the Michaelmas Term 1994. Mr Gray succeeds Mr John Knapp, who has retired. The Cathedral School is a member of the Western Division of the Woodard Corporation.

Dinners

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BIRTHS

BRUNAULT - On January 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Mark and Frances, a son, James Andrew; a grandson for Katherine, Pauline and Joseph.

DEWHURST - On 25th January, to Charles and Jennifer (nee Boyd), a beautiful daughter, Constance Elizabeth, who passed away on the same day. Now in Heaven.

EASTMAN - On January 31st, to Nigel and Rachel, a daughter, Madeleine, at St George's Hospital, London A sister for Luke and Abigail

HAMBRO - See Rabben.

HART - On February 1st at the Wellington Hospital, to Ursula (nee Visconcelos) and Howard, a healthy son, Edward

HITCHCOCK - On 1st February, to Corinne (nee Fuirer) and Paul, a daughter, a sister for Benjamin and Theo.

HOPE-BELL - On January 7th, to Jo and Susan, a son, Joshua Benjamin

MITCHELL - On February 1st 1994 to Anne-Marie (nee Sadler) and David, a son, Samuel Mansfield

RABBEN - On 29th January, to Clare Evelyn Hamuro and Eivind Rabben, a son, Alexander Haakon, a brother for Edward Olav

STOTT - On 30th January to Sian (nee Blorey) and Paul, a son, Frederick Gwilym Kenyon (Freddie)

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On 27th January in hospital after a short illness Ronald Grant, aged 80, deeply loved husband of Helen Houghton (nee Battersby), father of Elizabeth, Jenny and Ruth, grandfather and great-grandfather Requiem and great-funeral 2.30 pm Friday 11th February at St Paul's Church, Augustus Road/Inner Park Road, SW19. If desired, donations in his memory to the Scholarship Fund, Aderian Society for Individual Psychology (reg charity). Enquiries to Mears & Cotterill, Funeral Directors, (081) 874-7698.

BARKER - On 31st January, 1994, suddenly after a heart attack, Antony, beloved husband of Aline (Budge), devoted father of Gill and Simon and much loved grandfather of Philip and Rachel. Private cremation and no flowers at his request.

DEATHS

BELOE - On February 1st 1994, Sheila (nee Latta), after a long illness, peacefully at home. Beloved wife of Putch and much loved mother of Iain, grandmother of Hannah and John and mother-in-law of Angie. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's, Wick, near Bristol, on Monday February 7th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o Roy Preddy, Funeral Directors, 2 Cossham St., Mangotsfield, Bristol BS17 3EN.

BROWN - Suddenly at home on January 29th 1994, Gerald Deshborough. Funeral Service to take place at Christ Church, Cockfosters, on Wednesday February 9th at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations to the Broad Society may be sent to Alfred Scales, Ltd., 11 Church Street, Hertford, SG14 1EJ.

CHABOREL - On January 28th, suddenly, Paul, adored husband of Eva and beloved father of Maria. R.I.P. Funeral Service All Saints Church, Crawley Down, on Monday February 7th, 2.30pm. Family flowers only Donations to Copthorne Heatherley Cheshire Home, RH10 3HF. Enquiries Bartley & Ward (0293) 520011.

CLEMSON YOUNG - On January 31st, peacefully at Fairlight House, St Marychurch, Torquay, Valerie aged 56 years. Funeral Service will take place at Powderham Church, Starcross, on Thursday February 10th at noon followed by interment. Flowers c/o The Funeral Directors, Hugh Mills Gaye & Co Ltd., 68 Queen Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2ES

FRAZER - Oliver Haldane M.B.E. On 31st January 1994 peacefully in St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, aged 80. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Funeral on Tuesday 8th February at 2 pm at Morrisone Church, Isle of Wight. Donations may be made to The Glider Pilots Regimental Association. Enquiries to Hamilton and Marshall (0983) 522772.

GOLDSACK - Charlotte Mernetta (nee Richards), peacefully at the Toronto Hospital, Canada, on Tuesday, January 25th, 1994, in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late George MacDonald Goldsack. Loving mother of Rona'd MacDonald Goldsack and his wife Linda Dear grandmother of Lara, Gail, Greg, and step-grandmother of Kimberley. The China Lady, a longtime resident of the Far East, will be sadly missed by her friends in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom. A private family service was held in Toronto on Friday, January 28th, 1994

DEATHS

GREEN - Particia Anne died tragically on 26th January 1994. She was the much loved wife of Derek and mother of Tracy, Nicholas and Giles. She will be very sadly missed by her friends and all who knew her. A service will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Avenue Branly, Cannes, France, at 10.30 am on Monday 7th February. Flowers to the Church.

GRIFFITHS - Peter Frederic Rimington, on Monday 31st January, after a short illness. Husband of the late Anne, much loved father of Merriall and Richard, also friend to many. Funeral at 2.45 pm Monday 7th February at Nettleden, cremation at 4 pm at Amersham. All relatives and friends welcome and are invited to Noways afterwards. Family flowers only please. Donations to St Francis Hospice, c/o Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 1AH.

GRYLLS - On February 1st 1994, Brigadier William Edward Harvey Grylls OBE. Funeral St Mary's Church on Monday February 7th at 11.30 am Garden flowers only.

HOME - On 26th January 1994, Patrick Bruce Hamilton Home, after a long illness at Geneva, Switzerland. Cremation private. A Memorial Service will be announced later

JENKINS - Lady Helena Marta, wife of Lord Jenkins of Putney, died peacefully in The Royal Marsden Hospital on Sunday January 31st. On Monday next February 7th there will be: At 2 pm a Service at St George's Greek Orthodox Church at Kingston upon Thames for family and older friends. At 3 pm Interment at Putney Vale Cemetery. At 4 pm a gathering at Cannizaro House Hotel, West Side, Wimbledon Common. All friends are warmly welcome but please telephone (0811 879-1464 and leave a message for Peter Wilson if you intend to come so we may have some idea of numbers Helena loved flowers and these may be sent c/o the Funeral Directors T.H. Sanders & Sons (081) 948-1651.

LASSIMONNE - Peacefully at home in Burton, on Tuesday February 1st. Denise. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Friday 11th February at 2pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 3HR. tel: (0730) 262711.

LEWIS - Leonard Q.C. died peacefully aged 85 on Wednesday 2nd February at The London Clinic. Much loved husband of Rita and loved father of John, Richard and Jeanette. A beloved grandfather. Family cremation.

DEATHS

LISS - Hyman, devoted husband of Edith, beloved father of Annette, Rosemary and Ian, passed away on 31st January 1994. Deeply mourned by his family, relatives and friends.

MacCARTHY-MORROGH - On February 1st 1994, suddenly, Lt. Col. James Clement Frederick (Seumas) of Inis Beg, Baltimore, County Cork. Removal from his residence to Rath Church at 12 noon on Friday 4th February for Mass, followed by burial in family plot adjoining Rath Church. Cut flowers only

MELLANBY - John, aged 89, peacefully at his daughter Anne's home in Oxford. Consultant Engineer for many years in West Africa, polymath, polyglot. The last great British eccentric. Funeral at 11.30 am on Monday 7th February at St Columba's Church, Downing Street, Cambridge. Cut flowers to Brian Warner Funeral Services, Cambridge (0223-240258) or donations to his hospice, Sir Michael Sobell House, Oxford.

MIDGLEY - Dorothy, died on 31st January, aged 70. Much loved sister of Sheila and Dennis and aunt of Gillian and Jan.

THOMPSON - On February 1st, Derek Evelyn, peacefully in Hammersmith Hospital. Husband of Michelle and father of Gavin, Guy, Katie and Christopher. Funeral Service at 3.30 pm on Monday 7th February at All Saints Weston, Esher. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Royal National Institute for the Blind or the Department of Surgery at Hammersmith Hospital.

WESTBROOK - On 1st February 1994, peacefully in Bridport General Hospital, Brigadier Geoffrey Tom Edney Westbrook O.B.E., D.L., late Royal Engineers aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Nick, the late Simon and Abigail. The funeral service will take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Monday 7th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for The Abbolsbury Swannery c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset. tel: (0308) 423726.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARTIN - A Requiem Mass for Lady Nina Martin will be celebrated at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair, London, on Thursday February 17th at 3 pm.

POTTER - A Memorial Service for Sir Raymond Potter, a former Chairman of Halifax Building Society, will take place at 11 am on Tuesday 15th February 1994 at St Jude's Church, Kensington Road, Savile Park, Halifax.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

COVEN - In cherished memory of Rale, very loved Mamma, on her birthday. Frank and Edwina.

JOHNSON - Mary Elizabeth. Died February 3rd 1976. In ever loving remembrance of Mum, Margaret and Tobo.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TILBURY - Major F.J. Tilbury M.B.E. Mrs Changai Tilbury wishes to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy on the sad loss of her husband.

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POISONER AND APPEASER

Moscow's chemical weapons are doubly to be feared

Less than a month after President Clinton stood beside Boris Yeltsin and lavished praise on his commitment to democratic freedoms, a scientist is on trial in Moscow. Behind closed doors, he is charged with revealing state secrets under laws which have not been published, some of which *postdate his alleged offence*. These proceedings are a reversion to the methods of the Soviet police state. What makes them more chilling still is that the essence of Vil Mirzayanov's "crime" is to have revealed the vast environmental damage caused by Russia's chemical weapons programme and, above all, to have alerted the world to the programme's continued vigour. After assuring the West that it had ceased CW production, Russia, he reports, has produced a new and unprecedentedly potent binary nerve agent, known as Novichok.

The Clinton administration, which has *known for months about this case*, has been notably silent about the grim possibility that Russia is violating its treaty obligations in a field vital to international security. Such public reticence can only fuel the controversy, in Washington and Central Europe, about Mr Clinton's strategy of embracing Russia as a partner in European security.

At last month's Nato summit, Mr Clinton pleaded eloquently against drawing new lines across Europe, when the West should be aiming for "democracy everywhere, a market economy everywhere, people cooperating everywhere for mutual security". Hence the summit's offer of Partnerships for Peace (PFP) to all Nato's former foes — an offer that puts Russia on the same footing with Central European and Baltic states which fear Russia, and see little safety in anything short of full Nato membership.

The PFP bait has already been taken by 15 governments, but only because they know that not a single Nato government is willing to admit new members now. After the summit, Douglas Hurd said that tackling "insecurity and instability in the East" was now Nato's central task, adding that America's commitment to Nato would lapse if the alliance were "simply to protect rich West Europeans". But he simultaneously let slip the thought that hasty enlargement would "set Russia's teeth dangerously on edge". However true, such statements can *only increase Central European fears that* PFP masks a policy of appeasing Moscow.

In its dealings with Russia, the West has to prove that this is not so — remembering that the stench of its failure in Bosnia hangs even heavier in the countries on Russia's periphery than it does in Western capitals. The West cannot regulate in advance all the enormous number of adjustments that are taking place on the European continent. It would be folly to let Vladimir Zhirinovsky's fantasies generate panic. But the West can, and must, find ways of convincing Russia's leaders, who have not abandoned their *confidence in the uses of military power and* are already exploiting economic pressures to suck their neighbours back into the Russian orbit, that Russia cannot dictate the futures, and the future alliances, of internationally recognised independent states.

The American premise is that warm collaboration with Moscow will strengthen the liberal, democratic and Western-orientated forces in Russian domestic and foreign policies. Should these hopes be dashed, *Washington further asserts that a close* relationship will also help the West to be alert for trouble.

But it would be naïve to assume that, even were liberals to remain in control, they would not chafe at the loss of the power Russia exercised as the Soviet Union and seek to recover *some of this lost ground*. Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's liberal foreign minister, refers already to the "geopolitical positions it took Russia centuries to conquer". Russia's size, potential power and constant search for "defensible frontiers" behind an ever-expanding periphery have been a factor in European security since at least the 16th century. From Latvia and Estonia to Ukraine and Moldavia, there is evidence that its most recent period of retrenchment is already ending. The Russian Question demands detailed and clear answers. America, Nato and the European Union are still fumbling for them, and fumbling is perilous.

A FAIR COP

Michael Howard clears the first hurdle of police reform

The amendment to the Police and Magistrates' *Courts Bill announced by Michael* Howard yesterday is sensible as well as politically expedient. The Home Secretary's tactical priority is to quell the Tory revolt led by Lord Whitelaw over plans to appoint police authority chairmen from Whitehall. But his decision to drop that proposal will also improve the reform of the police service.

Beyond its narrow implications for police bureaucracy, the bill addresses highly sensitive constitutional questions. By changing the structure and duties of police authorities, it will alter dramatically the distribution of power between local committees, the Home Secretary, and chief constables which has changed comparatively little since 1835. Its stated objective is devolutionary: to give chief constables greater control over resources and police authorities greater influence over local strategy. As a consequence, ministers argue, the composition of authorities must change to meet the demands of greater executive responsibility.

At present, their members are all elected councillors and magistrates; in future, five out of 16 will be local "independents" drawn from a shortlist by the Home Secretary. Though clearly an act of centralisation, this reform will be vindicated if it leads to the appointment of talented businessmen and community leaders who might not otherwise have become involved in police administration. As long as Mr Howard adheres to his own guidelines, the new independent members should strengthen the authorities' roots with the communities they serve.

But the original bill's proposal to impose centrally-appointed chairmen would done the opposite. As Lord Whitelaw warned, such appointees would inevitably have been perceived as "*the Home Secretary's men*" by the police officers with whom they worked. The bill's devolutionary purpose would have been thwarted by the risk of politicisation and the atmosphere of distrust which such imposition would have generated. If the bill had been passed in unamended form, police authorities would have become quangos in all but name.

Mr Howard has cause to be grateful to Lord Whitelaw. The reform of the police which he is overseeing is one of the most sweeping measures this Government has undertaken. For Conservative ministers to take on the police is always politically perilous; in this case, the prospective changes raise fundamental questions about the upholding of the law, the police service and the distribution of power within it.

Mr Howard has already announced radical changes to the management and pay structure of the service, following the highly contentious Sheehy report. The new legislation will give him power to amalgamate forces. The pressure for a London police authority will grow. The new national targets and league tables for the police will pose awkward questions about the kind of indicators that should be used to measure officers' performance. Above all, the current review of police functions — dividing them into "core" and "ancillary" roles — will lead to the semi-privatisation of many tasks that the British traditionally associate with the local constable. These reforms may improve the quality of policing; but they will also stir strong emotions. Mr Howard should not think that Lord Whitelaw's urbane rebellion is the last that he will face.

BEWARE BENZENE

Invisible chemicals can seriously damage our health

Four years ago, after Margaret Thatcher's Damascene conversion to greenery, Chris Patten published a huge White Paper, "This Common Inheritance". Among the 350 or so undertakings for cleaning up Britain was the establishment of an advisory panel on air quality standards. Yesterday saw the panel's first report, on benzene, and it illustrates just how hard the clean-up will be.

Benzene is a man-made chemical found mainly in petrol and oil, but also in cigarettes, food and water. Just over three-quarters of the benzene in the air comes from the exhaust fumes of petrol-driven cars. It can damage people's DNA and cause leukaemia. At no level is it totally safe, but the panel recommends reductions to levels at which the leukaemia risk is tiny.

As a pollutant, benzene is particularly insidious. Not only is it invisible; the disease that it can cause is slow to develop. People prone to asthma triggered by air pollution at least know that they are sensitive and can tell when the attack occurs. But anyone can contract leukaemia, and not until it is too late do they realise that they should have avoided congested streets on cold, still days.

The panel recommends an interim limit of five parts per billion, averaged over a year, with an eventual target of one part per billion. In most of Britain, benzene levels already fall below the interim limit, though some areas in central London would fail the test. A comparison of a rural site in Oxfordshire and a kerbside site in Exhibition Road, London, shows that the capital's peaks are some ten times higher and the average roughly six times more than in the country. But since benzene levels are higher inside cars than outside, country-dwellers may not escape the risks as they spend more time in cars.

To bring benzene pollution down to the eventual target will be difficult. It will demand better engine design, tougher MOT tests and more catalytic converters. Most of all, people will have to be encouraged to drive less.

It is the same old story; and similar conclusions will be drawn from each report the panel publishes. The most welcome reaction yesterday came from the environment minister, Robert Atkins, who promised soon to start issuing daily benzene bulletins. At least then motorists can be asked to stay off the roads and people can avoid the streets on peak days. But in the longer term, habits have to be changed. And that will not happen until government, national and local, provides more acceptable alternative transport to the motor car.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Power base lost with Rover sale

From Mr Mark Braithwaite, CEng, MIEE

Sir, The announcement of the sale of Rover Cars to BMW (reports, February 1, 2; leading article, February 1; letters, February 2) finally condemns Britain to the second division of industrial nations.

Car design and manufacturing is a *strategically important industry*. Germany, France, Italy and Sweden recognise this and have their own "nationally owned" car producers. Today *in Britain we have given up the opportunity* to make decisions about new product ranges, which markets to exploit, where to base production facilities. *This is a loss of industrial and* economic power. We can no longer take such decisions.

Instead our main strengths are our *low wages, low social costs and current* climate of no industrial disputes. We will be tied to maintaining these advantages in order to keep our *foreign-owned manufacturing facilities* in this country. Indeed, the Government has subsidised foreign companies by encouraging them financially to "inwardly invest" here. How were they helping British firms during this time?

Britain, it seems, does not *want to compete as an industrial nation at the* highest level. It is both a part of our culture and the policies that have been adopted over the last 30 years — policies, or lack of them — which people in Germany and Japan must find astonishing.

Yours etc,
M. BRAITHWAITE,
6 Llys Caradog, Creigiau, Cardiff.
February 2.

From Mr A. M. Maud

Sir, Your excellent leader rightly points out that Land Rover alone *could have fetched the £800 million* paid by BMW for the Rover Group. Rover's volume business remains almost worthless: the purported group sales increase in 1993 was largely accounted for by Land Rover and dealer registrations.

The product range is "me-too" and lacks the technical and design innovation associated with the famous marque. Rover's "excellent" self-publicist management has lamentably failed to adapt the four-wheel-drive expertise to volume cars. As you observe, the productivity, manufacturing and quality improvements came through Honda.

This is a good deal for BMW: Land Rover, four-wheel-drive technology applicable to volume cars, state-of-the-art plants in a low-wage economy and 14 years of Honda contribution to UK manufacturing. But Honda has been cheated.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. MAUD,
Northcott House,
Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire.
February 1.

From Mr Jonathan Holt

Sir, BMW, so beloved of British businessmen, has many points in its favour as owner of a historically *important part of our commercial and* industrial culture. However, so many taxpayers were for so long the unwilling but continual investors in *British Leyland that many feel that it* is still their company, no matter what Parliament might have decided.

Nostalgic jingoism perhaps — but *some think that the British car in*dustry should be British-owned, even at the expense of realistic levels of investment. (Listen hard and you can hear grumblings of "Who won the war, anyway?".) The compelling argument against the sale is the damage caused to British business relationships with Japanese companies — "perfidious Albion" is the phrase that springs to mind.

As an industrial and automotive designer, I would like to assure my business associates in the Far East that I do not believe BAe's behaviour towards Honda to be representative of British business ethics as a whole. BMW is likely to be a more honourable steward of Rover than BAe ever was.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN HOLT,
Unit C2/C3, Town Farm,
Weston, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
February 1.

From Mr Richard Hamilton

Sir, BMW, riddled with high labour costs, sees Rover as a threat and therefore decides to take control of the company. Ministers take the view that it does not matter who owns the company, as long as it is successful and employs people. But BMW could transfer production to anywhere in the world if it wanted to. And, it *does* matter who owns the car company. I have a sense of great pride driving my *Rover, knowing that Britain still can* make great, quality cars.

It is not only the end of an era, it is a national disgrace. No longer will the *British be able to buy a truly British* car. The Government's failure to take any action to prevent this is a betrayal of British manufacturing, and of Britain's last great car company.

Yours faithfully (but sadly),
RICHARD HAMILTON,
South Court 3, Wivenhoe Park,
Colchester, Essex.
February 2.

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Catholic writers' conspiracy against Anglican Church?

From the Reverend Robert Marshall

Sir, As an Anglican communications officer dealing with the national and religious press on a daily basis I totally reject Tim Bradshaw's suggestion ("Anglicans fear the Catholics who conspire", January 29) that there has been a "consistent onslaught" on the Church of England by Roman Catholic writers and journalists. This is *absolute nonsense*.

The ordination of women to the priesthood, coupled with the ongoing financial dilemmas facing the Church *of England, have resulted in obvious* bad publicity. Division and disagreement always produce a short-term negative image.

But most of the Roman Catholic journalists and newspapers who contact me regularly are essentially ecumenically minded and, whilst they may be pleased to see a trickle of converts to Rome, they genuinely lament the current problems of the Established Church.

The Duchess of Kent going over to Rome! Women priests about to be ordained! Paper losses of £800 million by the Church Commissioners! The Bishop of Durham doubting this and that! These are not the result of a powerful Roman media campaign against the Church of England but real, internal problems of the Established Church which it is seeking to overcome. I am confident that things will improve gradually as key issues are tackled by the bishops, clergy and laity after a difficult time.

At the end of the week of prayer for Christian unity we should rejoice that Anglicans and Roman Catholics are seeking a way forward together. This includes an excellent working relationship between most Roman Catholic and Anglican communicators which has no room for a "Let's get the Church of England" mentality.

Yours faithfully,
ROB MARSHALL
(Diocesan Communications Officer),
London Diocesan House,
30 Causton Street, SW1.
January 29.

From Mr James Boyes

Sir, Congratulations on printing Tim Bradshaw's article. At last *The Times* has given a right to reply to the blatant propaganda of the group of Roman Catholic journalists who have been conducting a vicious and persistent campaign against the Church of England. This campaign is wholly at odds with the spirit of ecumenical cooperation commended by the leaders of both the Anglican and the Roman Catholic Churches.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BOYES,
12 Linver Road, SW6.
February 1.

From the Reverend Dr A. R. Peacocke

Sir, There are many good reasons why the Church of England as the historic, catholic church of the English people will go on representing the spiritual home for the majority of those in this country attempting to follow the Christian "way". I write as a former professional scientist to mention but one.

Over the centuries, for identifiable historical reasons, the Church of England has constituted a forum within which the dialogue between Christian affirmation and the new perspectives of the natural sciences has been pursued frankly and constructively.

One fruit of this, not generally realised but evoking admiration (not to say astonishment) in the informed of other churches, is the exceptionally large number of qualified scientists to be found *in its ordained ministry*.

Its scientist-authors, both lay and ordained, make a quite disproportionate contribution, in an eirenic and integrating manner, to the active, international dialogue which is going on between the Christian religion and science.

This contribution of the Church of England could well prove to be crucial for the very survival of the Christian faith, in any form, as we enter a new millennium.

By holding in one polity catholic order, evangelical commitment and openness to new knowledge and ideas, the Church of England (with the wider Anglican Communion) already manifests that comprehensiveness which the much longed-for united Church of the future will have, one day, to display.

The report of the death of the Church of England is an exaggeration.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR PEACOCKE
(Warden Emeritus,
Society of Ordained Scientists),
55 St John Street, Oxford.
February 1.

From Mr John Drew

Sir, How much credence can be given to the rest of Tim Bradshaw's article I *do not know*. I do know that *his statement* that in 1950 Mary was decreed to have been assumed into heaven "without dying" is incorrect. Her death is an *open question for Catholics*.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DREW,
Kingside, 1 Roundhead Court,
Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk.

Conservative conflict and unity

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, When a Prime Minister is reduced to conducting a "carefully planned operation" to be rude to a delegation of MPs from his own party (report, February 2) by cutting short a prearranged meeting, and when this silly charade is enough to "give a short-term boost to morale" and go some way to "restoring the Prime Minister's authority" (later editions), then who will wonder at his party's position in the polls?

Far more important, however, is that the real cost of this shadow leader is illustrated by the dominance of the Irish debate by Gerry Adams, for whom John Major is no match. The Prime Minister's weakness is not just embarrassing; it is positively damaging to our national interests.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.
February 2.

From Mrs Ann Smith

Sir, Norman Lamont (Magazine interview, January 29; Sir William Harding's letter, February 2) is surely proving how right John Major was to *dismiss him*.

Yours faithfully,
ANN SMITH,
Higher-Green House,
20 Higher Green,
Beaminster, Dorset.
February 2.

From Sir Basil Feldman

Sir, Your report, "Tory leadership tries to silence party critics" (January 27), was, sadly, full of inaccuracies.

Sir Norman Fowler neither ordered, nor would he have the right to order, the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations how to run our half-yearly conference at Central Council.

I did not write to constituencies saying that again we would not require motions for debate. The letter was written, as usual, by the secretary, Mr Chris Poole. Neither is Keith Latham the agent of Brentford and Isleworth. His name is Keith Witham.

This year's Central Council will follow exactly the same format as the highly successful Central Councils of 1992 and 1993. As before, the format was decided by an overwhelming, democratic vote of the National Union executive committee, which represents the leaders of the voluntary party throughout the country.

The format of the Plymouth Central Council in March will provide plenty of *opportunity for party members to* express their views in five debates, around discussion papers, which will be answered by the appropriate gov*ernment ministers*.

After this Central Council, we shall once again assess whether this format needs to be changed, and this will be done *on the views of the majority of* the committee and not on the say-so of one or two perennial critics.

Yours faithfully,
BASIL FELDMAN
(Chairman),
National Union of Conservative
and Unionist Associations,
32 Smith Square, SW1.
February 1.

From Mr Vernon Davies

Sir, Patricia Rawlings, the MEP for our constituency, Essex South West, made a speech recently encouraging us to give our complete backing to the present Conservative leadership. This was endorsed unanimously by the *European Constituency Council* representing eight Essex Westminster constituencies.

One dissident branch (report, February 2) *does not speak for the hun*dreds of thousands of Conservative voters in Essex. John Major has the wholehearted support of the county's *Conservative Party*.

Yours faithfully,
V. DAVIES
(Chairman),
Essex South West European
Constituency,
8 Green Road, Benfleet, Essex.
February 2.

Organ donations

From Mr Nicholas Hillier

Sir, As the father of a seven-year-old daughter suffering from renal failure, *whose only hope for a cure is a trans*plant operation, I regard the Government's lethargy on the issue of organ donation as appalling (leading article, "Donating life", January 28; letters, February 1).

As your leader points out, the medical profession's reluctance to act on their authority has meant that the carrying of donor cards is virtually futile as a means of increasing the supply of organs for transplantation.

I am therefore dismayed by the Government's refusal to implement the recommendation made last year *by the Advisory Council on Science* and Technology that health departments should "enhance the number of organs available and investigate mechanisms to introduce an opt-out system similar to those operated in Belgium, France and Austria".

Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, has campaigned on this issue for over 20 years and published a Bill last year for the debate of which government time was refused. *I wonder what system of par*liamentary priorities excludes such a beneficial measure.

The requirement to register one's objection (i.e., to "opt out") can hardly be regarded as a gross infringement of liberty. It must be set against the fact that it represents probably the only realistic chance of life for many people who will otherwise die unnecessarily.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HILLIER,
Roundway Farm House,
Devizes, Wiltshire.
February 1.

From Mrs Sandra Connor

Sir, One of the resolutions on the shortlist for possible debate at next June's annual meeting of the Women's Institute addresses the lack of organs for transplant by asking that "presumed consent" be the norm.

I understand that in Austria, where this system was introduced in 1982, there is no wait for donor organs.

Surely the saving in misery and money which would result from the introduction of such a system would far outweigh the immediate sadness of *donors' families and help them to* regard their bereavement in a positive manner.

Yours faithfully,
SANDRA CONNOR,
Bourn's Meadow, Little Missenden,
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.
January 28.

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Matchless trio

From Captain W. P. Hooley

Sir, Dr Joan Thirsk (letter, January *28) looks forward to the day when "it* will be deemed unthinkable" that three *men* (Brian Johnston, Sir Matt Busby, Brian Redhead) could be said to represent the character of the nation. I too look forward to that day, if only because its arrival will deny Dr Thirsk the justification for expressing any more such ugly, graceless and mean-spirited sentiments.

Yours etc,
W. P. HOOLEY,
Broadstairs, Low Cross,
Nr Ashford, Kent.

From Mr C. E. A. Cheesman

Sir, Dr Thirsk might have reflected that Johnston, Busby and Redhead, like any other trio she may care to devise, have quite a lot of characteristics that are not shared with large proportions of the population. Judge Ward (letter, January 25) suggested that his trio exemplified the *character*, rather than the characteristics, of the nation.

Whether this is a possible or worthwhile task with only three examples is another matter, but I see no reason why a male should not share this elusive "character" with a female. I look forward to the day when no offence is taken that subdivisions of the nation are not explicitly noticed when *the issue is what the nation has in* common.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE CHEESMAN,
38c Grove Park Gardens, W4.

From Ms Lynne Mendelsohn

Sir, I look forward to the time when both men and women can think of such outstanding characters as Johnston, Redhead and Busby and rejoice *in their lives without the urge to score* cheap points for "political correctness".

We should be proud of the achieve*ments of these three most distin*guished people: we should all be better off if we thought of people as they are and not simply as representatives *of their gender*.

Yours faithfully,
LYNNE MENDELSOHN,
72a Hackford Road, SW9.

The new Glyndebourne

From Mr Peterjohn Smyth

Sir, Despite the favourable reviews from your critics (Arts, February 1), it *must be abundantly clear to your* many readers who love Glyndebourne that the owners' good intentions in seeking to widen their audience have ironically resulted in a new theatre which, by its incongruous and discordant skyline, has succeeded in both dwarfing the old house and destroying much of the charm of its unique setting.

Yours faithfully,
PETERJOHN SMYTH,
27b Great George Street, Bristol.
February 2.

Sale or return?

From Mrs Heather Campbell

Sir, If I buy a Marks and Spencer pension (report, February 2) will I be able to take it back for a refund if it shrinks?

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER CAMPBELL,
31 Montfort Place,
Princes Way, SW19.
February 2.

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Queen to tour islands

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

■ Many of the West Indian islands to be visited by the Queen this month are in a state of transition and some are on the edge of crisis

THE QUEEN is to tour the West Indies this month, in her first royal visit to the region since 1985. Many of the islands have been included because they are in a state of transition, and some face general elections.

Great British fortunes have been won on the islands and in the dependent territories: the names of Tate & Lyle, Booker and Geest are reminders of the strong links the United Kingdom has always had with this, the largest remaining collection of British dependent territories.

Now the banana-producing islands are on the edge of crisis. In the months to come, talks will decide whether they can continue their favourable trading arrangements with Britain, protected from Latin American competition. Other islands, struggling to develop their tourism potential, have been hit by the world recession, which caused Americans and Europeans to delay their travel plans.

The Queen begins her tour in Anguilla on February 18 — her first visit to the island. Although the 8,900 locals are responsible for administering defence, law and order and offshore financial services, Britain still has a lot of influence. An agreement signed with the UK sets out economic and social priorities for the next three years, including Anguilla's main industries of tourism, fishing and offshore finance.

Dame Eugenia Charles, Dominica's Prime Minister, has had a close relationship with Britain for many years, but plans to step down at the next election, due by 1995.

Half of Dominica's labour force depends on the banana industry: as a rocky island without good beaches or an airport suitable for wide-bodied jets, it has been unable to capitalise fully on the growing tourist trade.

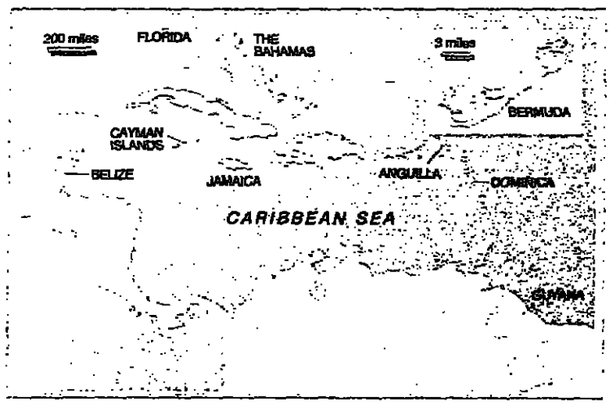
The Prime Minister has predicted that drug trafficking and social unrest among the 81,000 inhabitants will follow any collapse in the price of bananas. He said: "Haiti will be like apple pie compared with us."

The royal party flies on to Guyana — one of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere — which has just experienced its first change of government for almost 25 years after a general election pronounced democratic by American observers.

The country is plagued with drug smuggling and has serious economic problems: its main exporting commodities, sugar and bauxite, are suffering from years of under-investment and neglect.

The Queen's visit comes after the Overseas Development Agency announced in April an aid and "debt-forgiveness" package worth £74.6 million to help the country back on its feet and to improve its forestry, education, water services and Customs and Excise.

Britain and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency have joined forces to tackle the drugs problem, but open borders between Venezuela and Brazil make transfer easy, as do miles of rivers and dense jungle.



In Belize, where the tour boards the Royal Yacht Britannia, the Queen will see the results of an ambitious conservation project to preserve the region's reef and forest. About 80 per cent of Belize's forests are still intact, compared with El Salvador, which has little more than 2 per cent remaining, and it has one of the most peaceful and stable political climates in Central America.

The imminent departure of almost 1,800 soldiers from Belize due to UK defence cuts will leave only a small training operation of about 100 permanent troops. Many locals still fear an invasion by neighbouring Guatemala, which only recently recognised Belize as a nation.

The Queen then sails on to the Cayman Islands, home to the fifth largest banking business in the world, and specialising in offshore banking, insurance companies and trusts. The islands are not eager to become independent and still look to links with the Crown. Britain wants to prevent the Caymans being used by criminal organisations to launder money.

Tourism has grown dramatically from 8,000 a year in the 1960s to one million last year. This is likely to increase as Airtours, the first big British tour operator, begins offering package deals this year.

Jamaica, once the jewel in the crown of the British empire, receives £3 million of British aid every year. Its next general election is due by September 1997, and although relations with the UK are good, the British Government is increasingly worried about rising crime in Kingston, its capital.

All-inclusive hotels on the island's north coast shield tourists from much of the crime, but half of the local population of nearly 2.5 million live in the capital city, and the British Government has appointed a new police commissioner to help to combat burgeoning crime.

In the Bahamas, where a new government was elected last year, Scotland Yard officers are investigating drug-related crime and a corresponding rise in violence.

The total population of the islands is estimated to be 255,000 and the mainstays of the economy are tourism and offshore financial services, although the islands have recently suffered from the effects of the international recession.

Barclays Bank, BP, Shell, Forte and Lonrho are among leading UK investors, and about 3,000 British citizens are long-term residents there.

For the final leg of the journey, the Queen flies to Bermuda, now governed by Lord Waddington, who retains responsibility for external affairs, defence, internal security and the police. The United Kingdom's oldest colony celebrated its 380th anniversary in 1989, and is a dependent territory with a high degree of control over its own affairs, receiving no aid from Britain.

The United Bermuda Party has been in power since the party system was introduced in 1968. Sir John Swan became Premier in January 1982.

REX FEATURES



High-octane entertainment — a fire-eater on the beach in Jamaica

Caymans control charters

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE number of British visitors to the Cayman Islands is expected to soar over the next few months as Manchester-based Airtours starts regular charter flights to the Caribbean islands.

The Caymans — 70 minutes by plane from Miami and included in the royal tour this month — are already popular with the British. Twenty-three per cent more Britons visited in 1993 than in 1992.

The islands, which have one bank for every 40 inhabitants, are developing tourism as an alternative to offshore financial services. In an effort to put a ceiling on the number of visitors, the islands' government has limited charter flights to no more than 20 per cent of all flights arriving in Grand Cayman, a limit which will be put under pressure when Airtours begins services from Manchester in March.

An Airtours package costs from £499 for two weeks, a price which has delighted Catherine Leech, the Caymans' regional manager in Britain. She predicts that up to 8,000 Airtours clients will flock in this year, mainly from northwest England.

The Cayman authorities are pursuing a determined environmental campaign aimed at limiting the damage tourists can cause, especially in the marine parks.

The islands will be closely watched by other tourist destinations eager to see whether they can maintain their environmental policy in the face of increasing tourism.

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University halls turned into hotels

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

UNIVERSITIES throughout Britain are converting halls of residence into luxury hotels to attract tourists and business people. Government restrictions on grants for capital expenditure have forced the universities to seek fresh ways of raising cash. For many, the old residences seem to offer a money-spinning investment.

Warwick University pioneered the development and was followed by others including Leicester, Salford, Keele and Exeter. The latest in line is the University of Leeds which has more than 12,000 students. Another 18,000, in other universities and colleges of further education, are scattered throughout the city.

The university has spent £8 million on extending and refurbishing Weetwood Hall which opened as a luxury hotel nine months ago. Until three years ago, it had been used as a women's hall of residence. However, it was in urgent need of repair and the university was faced with the choice of refurbishing it to meet modern accommodation standards, selling it to developers or turning it into a hotel and conference centre.

With the increasing demand for the latter, the hotel option was chosen. Bedrooms were furnished with high quality purpose-built furniture. Public rooms, built in the depths of the recession, were filled with antiques bought cheaply from struggling hotels and country houses. At the same time, the latest high-tech equipment was installed in the conference rooms and a marketing operation was launched aimed at turning the hotel into "the north's premier conference and training centre".

Weetwood Hall, which is wholly owned by the university but is run as a separate company to avoid tax problems, hopes to begin making profits within five years after having repaid the £6 million borrowed from banks and building societies.

Once the loans are repaid, all profits will be covenanted to the university enabling existing halls of residence to be refurbished and improved.

"There is an enormous demand for courses on everything from medicine to the use of computers," says John Stoddart-Scott, chairman of Weetwood Hall and a member of the University of Leeds Council. "We estimate that there are 100,000 former students active in post-graduate conference work, courses or in senior positions in companies who are looking for a place to meet.

"Many are still prepared to go to a university during the holidays and stay in student accommodation. But others are now far more demanding and want good food served in style and to be able to stay in well furnished rooms with en-suite bathrooms."

The 108 bedrooms in Weetwood Hall — most of which are single rooms — all have integral bathrooms. Rates vary from £63 a night to £128 for a suite with a four-poster bed. The hotel also wants to attract visitors to the nearby Yorkshire Dales.

TRAVELOGS

Scoring own goal

AMERICAN cities are dejectedly counting the cost of ignoring the World Cup after a friendly international proved that there is an enormous potential following for the sport they know as soccer.

Seattle — not a venue for this summer's competition — grudgingly allowed America to play Russia in the indoor Kingdome American football stadium and was staggered when almost 44,000 fans



turned up, each paying $20 (about £13.50).

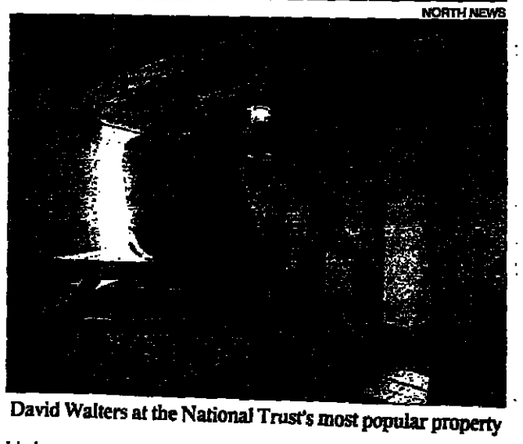
The host cities, which have grass open-air stadiums, have suddenly spurred their tourism departments into frenzied action to milk the event for all they can.

Noon too soon

BRITISH Airways passengers arriving at Heathrow after a long international flight and in need of a shower and freshen-up in the plush arrivals lounge at Terminal 4 — be warned. The lounge closes at noon. On the dot.

Cold hut holiday is a hit

NORTH NEWS



David Walters at the National Trust's most popular property

JADED city dwellers wanting to escape to a rural idyll have made a freezing shepherd's hut one of the most popular National Trust holiday properties.

Peel Bothy has no electricity, no bath, and water has to be pumped up from a well in the front garden. Tourists sleep in hard bunk beds set up in a former cattle shed and do all their cooking on a Calor gas stove.

David Walters, of the National Trust and caretaker of the holiday home at Steel Rigg, Northumberland, says: "I can't understand why, but it's the most popular place we have. There are other sites not far away with central heating, kitchens and private showers but Peel Bothy is the one everybody wants to stay in. It's remote and usually very cold. It was opened in 1989 by the Queen Mother — it must be the tattiest little place she has ever been asked to go to."

Groups of up to 12 pay £37 each for a week in the bothy, which was once used by a shepherd tending his flock near Hadrian's Wall.

It is one of 54 sites across Britain where the trust is offering holidays for people to work on conservation projects. "It must be the spirit of adventure that attracts people," Mr Walters says.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES LONGCROFT

James Longcroft, oil industry entrepreneur, died from cancer on January 13 aged 64. He was born on October 25, 1929.

JAMES LONGCROFT was one of the great — and most successful — characters to emerge from the UK North Sea Oil boom. It was at his insistence in 1964 that the independent oil company, Trinidad and Canadian Oils, took the plunge into the North Sea. "The company may be a small one," he told the board, "but it is one hundred per cent British, and we should not let this unique opportunity to explore in UK waters pass us by."

James Longcroft became managing director in 1969 and it was due to his efforts and determination that Tricentrol, the new name for the company, obtained interests and achieved success in the North Sea. The most important of these was the discovery of the Thistle Field in Block 211/18; early wells on this block had been dry holes.

In 1972 the Tricentrol and other members of the consortium met to discuss whether or not to drill a further hole. They had proposed a new location and were keen to go ahead but Signal Oil, the Canadian operator was not. Longcroft passed a note to a supportive company with a similar small interest.

"Have you got any money," said the note. "No," came the reply. Nevertheless, Longcroft addressed the operator and said the other company and Tricentrol would pay the cost of the well. Faced with such enthusiasm, the operator and the remaining members of the consortium joined them. The well was a discovery and the Thistle Field was found.

In the meantime Longcroft was involved in a discovery of gas in Montana, in the United States, in which Tricentrol was to end up with more than 400,000 acres, and contracts to sell the gas.

Educated at Wellington College, James Longcroft qualified as an accountant in 1951 and became a partner in the family firm of Longcroft Smith and Company; he became senior partner in 1969. In 1963 he became a director of Trinidad and Canadian Oils, where his father, R. S. (Reg) Longcroft, was chairman.

The financing of Tricentrol's development share of the Thistle Field was probably one of Longcroft's finest achievements. The company only had a market capitalisation of £15 million and the prospects of North Sea oil seemed uncertain. In 1974 Burmah Oil, one of the largest oil companies, collapsed and the American banks were running for cover following the Labour Government's introduction of potentially restrictive North Sea legislation.

Undeterred by these developments Longcroft wrote a letter to two government ministers on Christmas Eve 1974. The letters — recalling the Government's promise that companies would be "no worse and no better off" as a result of the new rules — were hand delivered to Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Eric Varley, the Energy Secretary. The Government responded by guaranteeing Tricentrol's Thistle debt and providing a £60 million loan facility in return for a 5 per cent royalty. Tricentrol were on their way. The banks came back and Tricentrol's development share of their cost of the Thistle Field was assured.



A patriotic man with a great love of his country, Longcroft made a reluctant decision in 1978 to move to Switzerland with his family and become a tax exile, after being advised that his future earnings would attract 98 per cent tax. In his own words, "this was not tax it was confiscation". Switzerland was chosen because of its business centres and financial communications. Longcroft was always keen on communications. Twenty years ago, while on holiday with his family in France, he would keep in contact with his office by an early version of a fax machine.

James Longcroft had a lifetime association with the City of London and was Master of the Worshipful Company of Founders, 1977-78.

In his spare time he had served in the Honourable Artillery Company where he made many life-long friends. However, it was with the Royal Navy and not the Army that he did his National Service, taking in a Russian language course on the way. It was also at this time that he developed a love of the sea which was to manifest itself in the later years of his life. He acquired a Nelson 42 motor launch, named *Abra*, and took rapid courses in navigation. He drove *Abra* with the same determination that marked his business life — flat out. Unfortunately the engines were not up to it and needed regular replacement. An early voyage, from London to Majorca, via the Bay of Biscay, was a revelation to his new chauffeur, who was his No 2 in a two-man crew. He did not seem to remember it being in his job description when they were dodging super tankers in the Straits of Gibraltar.

As befitted a man with a life-long love of the sea, Longcroft was buried at sea in the Channel off Newhaven. On the occasion of the ceremony *Abra* was standing by.

James Longcroft is survived by his wife Anita, two sons and a stepson, and three sons and a daughter from his previous marriage.

MAX BRUH

Max Bruh, founder and president of the fashion house Frank Usher, died on January 29 aged 87. He was born on August 17, 1906.

THE world of high fashion may never have taken Frank Usher seriously, but in terms of sales the British company, which specialised in traditional cocktail dresses and smart suits for the mother of the bride, outperformed most of its rivals in Europe. At the centre of the business was its president Max Bruh, a small, dapper, balding man with dark rimmed glasses who could easily be lost among the ranks of Amazonian models he employed at his showrooms in Noel Street.

Bruh founded the company fifty years ago and, together with his wife Anne, developed it into a respected fashion house, known for floating, sequinned mid-market evening wear. The Bruhs' clients were all well-heeled women, often in the public eye. They included the Princess Royal and Norma Major, who was criticised by the tabloid press for her dress sense during the run-up to the last general election and who subsequently turned to Frank Usher to rejuvenate her wardrobe.

Both Max and Anne Bruh were refugees from Nazi Germany. Max Bruh was born into an affluent Jewish family in Silesia but spent his childhood in Berlin, where he was apprenticed into a fashion house, Friedlander and Zaduk. While in Switzerland on an export business trip just before the outbreak of war, he phoned home and was advised by his cousin not to return. He made his way to Britain instead. Anne fled from Wuppertal and escaped to Holland with her parents. They met in London and married in 1944.

This was the year that Bruh started his business — a difficult one for British fashion manufacturers who needed textile trading coupons just to operate. Bruh bought an "off-the-shelf" company called Frank Usher with a ready supply of these and, trading under that name, used it as a platform from which to launch a handful of tailor-made dresses which he sold to Bobby's department store in the South of England. The company started life in a small room in Mill Street, then the heart of the red light district, and when Bruh needed a model he would call down to one of the girls on the street.

Bruh's success with the first range provided the money for the next one and launched a cycle of expanding six-monthly collections. If the dresses never strayed into the realms of the avant garde, they were at least realistically-priced and flattering to the over-forties, and they subsequently sold well. Though he loved the business, Max Bruh's talents were always for sales rather than design and he assiduously built up the company's overseas market. Almost half of Frank Usher's business went to export, and in Germany it was the best selling name in evening wear.

The Bruhs sold their interest in Frank Usher to Selincourt, a textiles group, in 1961 though they remained in day-to-day control of the business. However, by 1985 Max Bruh was unhappy with the arrangement, which he felt allowed Frank Usher profits to help finance some of Selincourt's less successful enterprises. Selincourt was taken over by Stormgard in 1985, and the new management sold their interest in Frank Usher back to the Bruhs. The following year Frank Usher was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market at over £7 million.

Max Bruh had few interests outside his work and continued to go into his offices until the day he died. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Stephen and Robert, both of whom are in the business.



Cecilia Chancellor wearing a cocktail dress from Frank Usher's new spring collection

RAPHAEL SALAMAN

Raphael Salaman, lexicographer of craftsmen's hand-tools, died in Harpenden on December 31 aged 87. He was born in Barley, Hertfordshire, on April 24, 1906.



RAPHAEL SALAMAN was the author of two outstandingly beautiful and scholarly books, *Dictionary of Tools used in the Woodworking and Allied Trades 1700-1970* and *Dictionary of Leather-Working Tools 1700-1950*. The books represent a lifetime's study of rural industries, begun in childhood and always concerned with the specific. He wanted to collect and record and describe (in words as well as through drawings and photographs) evidence of what he seems always to have known was a threatened way of life. Many of the tools he found have been saved from oblivion and can be seen in the St Albans Museum.

Born into an old-established Jewish family, the fourth of six children of Redcliffe Salaman and his wife Nina, Raphael Salaman was very much the son of the scientist who wrote *The History and Social Influence of the Potato*, a book which is still in print after fifty years and is still invoked as a model of the sort of history which is able to illuminate aspects of the past through a focus on the everyday, the taken-for-granted.

In many ways a gentler and more ruminative character than his father, Raphael Salaman will nonetheless be remembered for what he shared with him. He was educated at Bedales and then studied engineering at Cambridge. After graduating he set up a light-engineering business in London until the Second World War, during which he was employed in organising the fire-fighting and air-raid precautions for Marks & Spencer. He was elected a Labour councillor for Paddington before his move to Harpenden where he could better pursue the history of rural craftsmanship.

His contribution to cultural history also had its source in what has been thought of as a kind of amateurism — if by that is meant a passionate and meticulous following through of a child's curiosity and need to know exactly how and why people have done things as they have. He admired the knowledge and skill which expert tradesmen could bring to their work and the control and artistry it demonstrated.

Reviews of Salaman's books have often caught the language of his enthusiasms. Bernard Miles, for instance, an old friend, wrote of his first: "And if the better part of history is the history of finding out, here are answers to that master question in abundance: the how of making ships, wagons, windmills, wooden water-pipes, barrels, baskets, hurdles, chairs, gates, coffins and many other objects which have been the stuff of civilised life for thousands of years . . ."

Perhaps it is also a mark of that same amateurism that it seems impossible to divorce these interests of his, these achievements, from everything else that mattered to him. For he will also be remembered for his capacity to attend to the reality of other people. No child ever sulked or wheedled in his company. Drawn into his conversation, and into his interest in them, they could suddenly star. One eight-year-old boy returned from a stay with Salaman and his wife Miriam bearing a family tree and glowing with a determination to make his own, but of the Greek Gods. It was characteristic of Salaman to encourage and inspire, and to do so practically, modestly and with an eye for what could be done well and give pleasure.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

YIGAEL HURWITZ

Yigael Hurwitz, Israel's Minister of Finance, 1979-81, died from cancer on January 10 aged 75. He was born in Palestine in October 1918.

ALWAYS something of a maverick, Yigael Hurwitz was one of a handful of government ministers who resigned over Menachem Begin's peace-deal with Egypt and later — despite having emerged from a socialist-oriented pioneering agricultural community — made a determined effort, as Finance Minister, to curb rampant inflation by reducing Israel's notoriously expensive economic subsidies. When he could no longer get his way on pay-restraint, he resigned again, this time bringing down the Likud government with him. He was also responsible for changing the Israeli currency from the inflation-prone lira to the shekel (named after the coinage of biblical times).

Yigael Hurwitz was born on a small co-operative-farming settlement and grew up at Kfar Warburg, south of Tel Aviv. His father, Yona, was a member of a pioneering group that came to the country from Russia in 1905. His mother, Bella, was from the famed Dayan clan and the sister of Moshe Dayan's father, Shmuel.

When he was three Hurwitz's parents moved to the settlement of Nahalal (where Moshe Dayan was born) and there Yigael received his basic education before starting farming life as a shepherd.

Although not a trained economist, Hurwitz had an instinctive flair for business organisation and economic affairs. He set up an investment company and bought up two bankrupt dairy firms turning them into highly profitable concerns. He added an ice-cream factory to his enterprises and also engaged in



overseas business ventures, all of which prospered and made him into a millionaire.

Hurwitz was first elected to the Knesset in 1969, and remained in parliament until he retired from political life in 1992. During that time he formed several political groups of his own eventually joining the centre-right parties which formed the Likud coalition under Menachem Begin in 1973. Four years later Likud swept to power in a stunning election victory and Yigael Hurwitz was made Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

Within a year, however, came his resignation in protest at the signing of the Camp David accords with Egypt and what he considered to be the mistaken territorial concessions involved.

The following year, in May 1979, Begin recalled him to the Cabinet as Finance Minister and he set about bringing the economy under control. His mournful face and reputation as a prophet of doom on money matters belied a wry sense of humour. Visitors to his office at the Treasury would recount how he hung a towel behind the door and would tell those coming to him with tales of financial woe: "Go and cry there, wipe your tears away, and then come back to me."

In 1980 he won a battle over pay and subsidies with the country's largest trade unions but his efforts were undermined at the start of 1981, when the government, exasperated by persistent labour unrest, overrode his austerity measures to grant pay increases to teachers. His consequent resignation fractured the coalition and forced an early election.

Hurwitz remained politically active and served as a minister without portfolio in the national unity government following the stalemate elections of 1984. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

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THE TIMES

DEAN'S ATTACK ON SEXUAL LAXITY

OXFORD "MUST GIVE LEAD"

From Our Correspondent

OXFORD, Feb. 2

The controversy about undergraduates' sexual behaviour was joined tonight by the Rev. Graham Midgley, Dean of St. Edmund Hall.

In a sermon in the college chapel he pointed out that he was preaching both as a dean responsible for college discipline and as a priest, and said that reactions by other deans on undergraduates sleeping together were based on four things:—

It was the general life of the community which the college sought to order and some might be embarrassed or upset by others sleeping with women.

The college assumed the parents' place during term and should expect the same standards of behaviour from students as would be expected at home.

Why should the college be thought different from any other place where beds other than our own were available? The attitude of most hotel managers, for example, would be the same as those of college deans, although there were cheap one-night hotels. Undergraduates entered a contract with the college when they came to the university and if they did not like the rules they could leave before they might be forced to. But "to put forward as anything more than subsidiary or secondary argument the reasons we have been talking about, sound as they may be, as reasons for the seriousness with which such offences are considered as hypocritical in that it is a false pretence, it is myopic in that it is not looking deeply enough; it is to me mealy-mouthed and cowardly in refusing to speak what may be an unpopular and unpalatable truth".

He went on: "The university if she is to be true to her foundation and her traditions must give a lead and that lead can only be one. She is a Christian university. She was founded as such and in that faith she still exists. It is hypocritical to pretend that her attitudes towards sexual laxness are based on anything else but Christian morality."

He called on the university to "deal with those who break those regulations in charity — which may well involve some punishment — and in forgiveness, which rules out any punishment which puts the offender beyond forgetting and forgiving".

Canon J.N.D. Kelly, Principal of St. Edmund Hall, in his sermon in St. Mary's, the university church, also attacked the new morality. "I can discover no point of contact at all between the doctrine of the new morality — that where there is real love rules are unnecessary — and the teaching of Christ," he said.

"Although it is one of the most precious gifts God has given us, sex exerts an over-powering pressure on us and unless duly ordered can be more effective than almost anything else in hiding the vision of God from us. In contrast to this the new morality works with a conception of man in which sex is an absolute value, an end in itself."

ON THIS DAY

February 3 1964

This was one of the many occasions in the 1960s on which the sexual behaviour of undergraduates came in for comment.

THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3 1994

NEWS

Outcry over Adams persists

■ London and Washington were struggling last night to prevent a serious breach in relations over President Clinton's decision to overrule his ambassador to Britain, the FBI and senior policy advisers in personally approving Gerry Adams's visit to America.

A frantic damage limitation exercise was in progress on both sides of the Atlantic to keep the Anglo-Irish peace process on course as the Sinn Fein leader flew back to Ireland after a publicity spree exceeding his wildest dreams **Pages 1, 2 and 16**

Howard backs down over law reforms

■ The Government was forced into a humiliating double climb-down over its Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill yesterday as it bowed to overwhelming opposition from the Lords ..... **Pages 1 and 17**

Bishop named

The new Bishop of Durham is to be the Right Rev. Michael Turnbull, 58, at present Bishop of Rochester ..... **Page 1**

Smith defensive

John Smith defended Clause 4, enshrining public ownership in the Labour Party's constitution, when it came under attack from Neil Kinnock ..... **Page 1**

Gibbons in hiding

Tom Gibbons, the undertaker's assistant alleged to have tried to sell photographs he took of the soccer legend Sir Matt Busby in his coffin was in hiding after being released on bail ..... **Page 7**

French rivals spar

With 15 months to run before the presidential vote, the gloves have come off in a dual pitting Edouard Balladur against his mentor, Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader ..... **Page 12**

School's top marks

Roedean school, near Brighton won a glowing testimonial from inspectors after acting as a guinea pig for the Government's new scheme to monitor independent education ..... **Page 5**

IMF defends policy

The International Monetary Fund hit back at charges that it has been excessively tight-fisted in dispensing billions of dollars of international aid to support President Yeltsin's reforms ..... **Page 12**

Gesture of hope

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, laid a wreath of white flowers on the gate of the prison in which he was held towards the end of his 27-year jail term ..... **Page 10**

Pollution fears

Britons are breathing in potentially dangerous levels of a known cancer-causing chemical, the Government admitted yesterday as it published recommendations for limits on benzene in urban and rural air ..... **Page 8**

Smoking sickness

The children of parents who smoke suffer more ill health and have reduced intelligence, according to specialists ..... **Page 6**

Clinton overture

President Clinton this week prepares to end the 30-year embargo against Vietnam, a decision which could pave the way for a resumption of diplomatic relations ..... **Page 10**

Stroke family wins

A family who had to pay for private health care after a stroke victim was discharged from hospital has won more than £15,000 in compensation ..... **Page 7**

Egyptian conflict

Seven Islamic extremists and one policeman were killed as the conflict between fundamentalists and the pro-Western government intensified ..... **Page 11**

Unlucky break for preacher

■ All hell broke loose when Robin Boyes addressed his flock in Cleveland. He was trying to convince the congregation that the spirit of God was in every child when a resounding crash outside the Stockton Unitarian Church brought his sermon to a halt. A local youth had thrown a brick through the preacher's car window ..... **Page 7**

MIKE POWELL



The British abstract artist Sandra Blow contemplating one of her exhibits currently on show at the Royal Academy, London

BUSINESS

City card: Private investors will soon be able to buy shares using a debit card. Rules preventing stockbrokers from accepting such payments have been scrapped and Switch, the debit card, is now selling its services to the city .. **Page 23**

Euro Disney: The theme park lost £62.7 million in the first quarter of 1993/4. Bankers financing the venture met to discuss their future backing ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FTSE 100 share surged 38.8 to a fresh record close of 3,520.3 on hopes of an interest rate cut and an upbeat Treasury report ..... **Pages 24 and 26**

SPORT

Football: If John Toshack proves as adept at handling the pressures of international management as he is at dealing with the press, then the Welsh national squad is in good hands. Keith Pike reports **Page 40**

Cricket: Nasser Hussain gets probably his final chance to win a Test place against the West Indies in England's game against the Leeward Islands today ..... **Page 38**

Commonwealth Games: Manchester emerged as favourite to host the 2002 Commonwealth Games when they were voted ahead of London as England's candidate city. England last held them in 1934 ..... **Page 44**

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Creating controversy: *Mneme*, on show at the Tate, Liverpool, should create "an experience of relationships which are sought rather than grasped" ..... **Page 14**

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Buccaneer Bob: Sousa Jamba on the quest for Bob Denard, mercenary boss of the Comoros Islands. Plus: Norman Stone on Bosnia and Caroline Moore on Michael Crichton ..... **Pages 36, 37**

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Wayne's back: Good, clean fun returns to the cinema with *Wayne's World 2*. Bertolucci's masterpiece, *The Conformist*, is also reissued this week ..... **Page 33**

Superstar-struck: Are top conductors and singers consuming too large a slice of the public subsidy going to opera houses and orchestras? Comparisons with their colleagues in dance and theatre suggest this, writes Richard Morrison ..... **Page 35**

Out to play: The English abroad are the subject of *April in Paris*, the latest John Godber play to hit the West End ..... **Page 33**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Sophia Loren, the Italian-born actress who rose to fame in American films, has been awarded a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame **Page 11**



After a series of disappointments, Neil Back of Leicester has been named in England's team to play Scotland at Murrayfield **Page 39**



TV presenter Anne Diamond, whose son was a cot death victim, attacked "lily livered sycophants" for failing to ban cigarette advertising **Page 6**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Pop on Friday

■ What other group can lay claim to being "the greatest neo-nerdy, quasi-evangelical folk duo to come out of Scotland"? Alan Jackson looks at the rise and rise of The Proclaimers

Karaoke Shakespeare

■ Put on a headset and immerse yourself in a world of virtual reality theatre. But will everyone welcome the advent of karaoke Shakespeare?

Chance to pick a winner

■ Have you ever wanted to pick the England cricket team? Tomorrow, *The Times* offers readers the chance to do just that

TV LISTINGS

A new look at the dambusters' raid suggests it boosted Allied morale more than it disabled Hitler. *Secret History* (Channel 4, 9pm) .. **Page 43**

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Russian question

The Russian Question demands detailed and clear answers. America, Nato and the European Union are still fumbling for them, and fumbling is perilous ..... **Page 17**

A fair cop

The amendment to the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill announced by Michael Howard is sensible as well as politically expedient ..... **Page 17**

Beware benzene

Anyone can contract leukaemia, and not until it is too late do they realise that they should have avoided cold, congested streets .. **Page 17**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Gerry Adams is now an American media hero, like Nelson Mandela, and not a villain, like Colonel Gaddafi, which makes him more powerful in every way, internationally, in the Republic of Ireland, and in Northern Ireland itself . **Page 16**

BERNARD JENKIN

"Citizenship of the Union" should be abolished: it is redundant and misleading in a Europe of nation states ..... **Page 16**

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OBITUARIES

James Longcroft, chairman of Tricentrol, 1980-88; Max Bruh, founder of the fashion house Frank Usher; Raphael Salaman, lexicographer; Yigael Hurwitz, Israeli Finance Minister, 1979-81 ..... **Page 19**

THE PAPERS

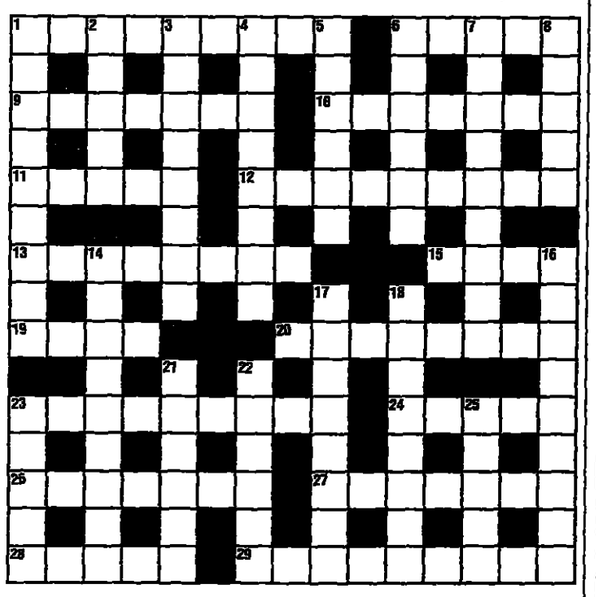
Whatever the outcome of Gerry Adams's trip, it is right that it was allowed, not for the sake of the IRA or Sinn Fein but for the sake of Americans who believe free speech is an unassailable good

—The Washington Post

In the Tonya Harding crowd, everyone's out for No 1. Sooner or later, the voices will harmonise with the facts, and the truth will out

—USA Today

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,456



ACROSS

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13 Put in new resident (8).
15 It's for music, primarily (4).
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23 Artist in play G.O.M composed (9).
24 Haul in line, say — slowly (5).
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8 Nymph — not inhabiting river, notice (5).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Isles, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Benbecula, Hebrides, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 1.37in; highest sunshine: Scilly Isles, 3.4hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Rain and snow will spread north across most of England and Wales during the day. There will be sleet in many areas, and from the Midlands northwards there will be significant snow falls over the hills before the snow turns to rain later. Strong easterly winds will cause drifting of the snow on hills. Scotland will be mostly dry and bright with some sunshine. The sleet and snow will reach Northern Ireland by late afternoon and perhaps edge into southwest Scotland by midnight. It will be cold in the strong winds, but the south will turn milder later.

☐ **London, SE and cent S England, E Anglia:** Dry start. Rain and sleet by midday then drier again later. Wind E or SE, fresh to strong. Cold at first. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **E and W Midlands, N Wales:** Dry start. Sleet or snow for time, heavy on hills, turning to rain later. Wind E, fresh to strong, gales in places. Cold. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **E, NW and cent N England, IoM, N Ireland:** Dry start. Sleet or snow later, heavy on hills. Wind E, fresh to strong, gales in places. Cold. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales:** Rain, heavy at times with sleet or snow over high ground. Wind E or SE, fresh to strong. Becoming less cold later. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Lakes, NE England, SW Scotland:** Bright at first. Sleet or snow in the evening, heavy over hills. Wind E, fresh to strong. Cold. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** Mostly dry with some sunshine. More cloudy in the south later. Wind east or southeast, fresh. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** Sleet or snow in Scotland tomorrow but bright and showery elsewhere. Showers mainly in the west on Saturday.

AROUND BRITAIN

WEDS: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dust; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.14	7	45	r	Liverpool	1.7	0.06	9	48	sh
Anglesey	1.8	0.27	9	48	r	London	-	0.11	10	50	r
Aspatria	0.2	0.75	8	46	r	Lowestoft	-	0.13	8	46	r
Aviemore	-	0.23	7	45	r	Manchester	1.0	0.08	9	48	r
Belfast	0.9	0.24	7	45	sl	Margate	X	0.02	9	48	r
Birmingham	0.9	0.10	9	48	sh	Minehead	X				
Bognor R	-	0.09	9	48	r	Morecambe	0.5	0.53	9	48	r
Bournemth	0.5	0.15	10	50	r	Newcastle	0.5	0.08	9	48	r
Bristol	X					Newquay	X				
Buxton	0.4	0.26	7	45	r	Norwich	-	0.10	8	46	r
Cardiff	0.6	0.20	9	48	sh	Nottingham	1.1	0.10	9	48	r
Clacton	-	0.07	8	46	r	Penzance	2.9	0.44	11	52	r
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	1.7	0.50	10	50	r
Cromer	1.4	0.27	10	50	r	Poole	0.4	0.16	10	50	r
Dunbar	-	0.14	8	46	r	Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	X					Scarborough	-				
Edinburgh	-	0.01	9	48	r	Sandown	2.2	0.09	10	50	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.22	9	48	sh	Saunton Snd	1.6	0.24	10	50	r
Exmouth	2.4	1.37	6	43	r	Scarboro'	0.4	0.02	8	46	r
Falmouth	X	0.23	11	52	r	Scilly Isles	3.4	0.26	10	50	r
Filey	-	0.36	11	52	r	Shanklin	-	0.13	9	48	r
Folkestone	-	0.05	9	48	r	Skegness	-	0.06	9	48	r
Glasgow	0.1	1.21	9	48	r	Southend	-	0.04	8	46	r
Guernsey	-	0.07	11	52	r	Southport	1.6	0.13	7	45	r
Hastings	-	0.07	9	48	r	Southsea	-	0.10	10	50	r
Hayling I	X					Stornoway	1.2	0.59	8	46	sh
Herne Bay	-	0.07	9	48	r	Swanage	0.5	0.12	10	50	r
Hove	-	0.06	9	48	r	Teignmouth	2.0	0.23	11	52	r
Hunstanton	-	0.11	9	48	r	Tenby	2.8	0.54	10	50	r
Isle of Man	2.0	0.39	9	48	r	Tiree	0.3	0.52	9	48	r
Jersey	-	0.04	10	50	sh	Torquay	1.9	0.30	11	52	r
Kinloss	-	-	10	50	sh	Tynemouth	1.4	0.08	9	48	r
Leeds	1.4	0.07	10	50	r	Valentia	0.1	0.08	8	46	r
Lerwick	-	0.38	6	43	r	Weston-s-mare	X				
Leuchars	0.1	0.34	7	45	r	Weymouth	0.8	0.11	10	50	r
Littlehampton	-	0.08	9	48	r	Wick	-	0.06	7	45	r

ABROAD

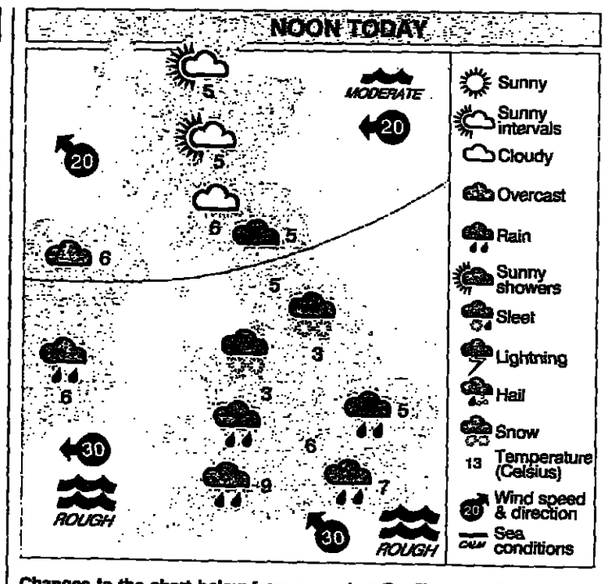
Alacchio	14	57	f	Cphagn	4	39	r	Majorca	13	55	f
Amstdm	12	54	f	Corfu	11	52	s	Malaga	14	57	s
Alexdria	15	61	c	Dublin	7	45	s	Malta	16	61	s
Algiers	16	61	s	Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Melb'me	19	66	c
Amstdm	6	43	c	Faro	16	61	s	Mexico C	16	61	s
Athens	13	55	s	Florence	7	45	r	Miami	17	63	f
Barcln	10	50	s	Frankfurt	7	45	s	Milan	7	45	f
Bangkok	31	88	s	Funchal	17	63	s	Montreal	-15	5	s
Barbados	25	77	c	Geneva	8	46	f	Moscow	-12	10	sn
Barcelona	10	50	r	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Munich	-5	23	c
Beirut	12	54	f	Helsinki	-10	5	f	Nairobi	23	34	s
Belgrade	1	34	c	Hong K	20	68	f	Naples	14	57	f
Berln	-5	23	f	Innsbruck	4	39	c	N Delhi	19	66	s
Bermuda	22	72	f	Istanbul	3	37	f	N York	-5	23	sn
Biarritz	15	59	c	Jeddah	23	73	s	Nice	13	55	f
Bordeaux	15	59	c	Jo'burg	24	75	f	Oslo	-4	25	sn
Brussels	7	45	c	L Palmas	19	66	f	Paris	5	41	r
Budapest	6	43	f	Le Touq	6	43	s	Peking	-9	16	s
B Aires	26	79	f	Lisbon	11	52	f	Perth	32	90	f
Cairo	18	64	f	Locarno	6	43	f	Prague	6	43	f
Cape Tn	23	73	c	L Angels	15	59	f	Reykjavk	-4	25	sn
Chicago	-14	7	s	Luxembg	4	39	sn	Rhodes	12	54	s
Christchurch	20	68	s	Lisbn	20	68	s	Rio de J	33	91	f
Cologne	6	43	r	Madrid	6	43	s	Riyadh	18	64	s

Rome	14	57	r	Salzburg	8	43	f	Tangier	15	59	f
Tel Aviv	13	55	f	S Frisco	9	48	f	Tenerife	18	64	f
Tokyo	7	45	s	Santiago	27	81	s	Toronto	-11	12	f
Tunis	15	59	s	Sing'por	31	88	f	Valencia	15	59	s
Vanc'ver	9	48	r	Sarkholm	-6	21	sn	Venice	6	41	r
Vienna	4	39	f	Seoul	-1	30	f	Warsaw	2	36	f
Wash'ton	0	32	c	Strasb'rg	6	43	r	Zurich	5	41	r
Wel'ington	21	70	s	Sydney	25	77	c				

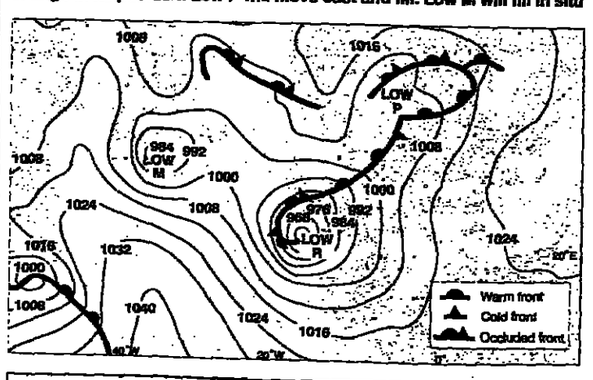
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NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low R will slowly fill with little change in its position. Low P will move east and fill. Low M will fill in situ



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.12	5.68	6.52	6.45	Liverpool	3.42	8.57	4.06	8.93
Aberdeen	6.06	3.82	6.30	3.97	Lowestoft	1.38	2.53	2.28	2.15
Avonmouth	11.48	11.79			Margate	4.15	4.60	5.00	4.28
Belfast	3.37	3.07	4.10	3.32	Milford Haven	10.59	6.23	11.30	5.90
Cardiff	11.33	10.98	12.00	10.38	Newquay	9.56	6.30	10.29	6.00
Devonport	10.27	4.90	10.56	4.70	Oban	10.13	3.30	10.51	3.10
Dover	3.28	6.38	3.56	5.95	Penzance	9.41	4.90	10.12	4.70
Falmouth	9.57	4.70	10.26	4.50	Portland	11.08	1.70	11.41	1.60
Glasgow	5.14	4.50	5.25	4.80	Portsmouth	3.48	4.70	4.13	4.20
Harwich	4.11	3.82	4.48	3.58	Shoreham	3.34	5.87	4.00	5.51
Holyhead	2.49	5.00	3.15	5.06	Southampton	3.25	4.35	3.52	4.11
Hull	10.59	6.71	11.19	6.88	Swansea	11.04	8.45	11.38	8.09
Ilfracombe	10.41	8.23	11.09	7.81	Tees	8.35	4.73	8.56	4.77
King's Lynn	11.04	5.70	11.23	5.90	Wilton-on-Nze	4.07	4.09	4.42	3.77
Leith	7.22	5.03	7.49	5.05					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.36 am
Sun sets: 4.53pm
Moon sets 10.22 am
Moon rises 1.06 am

London 4.53 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 5.03 pm to 7.46 am
Edinburgh 4.50 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.55 pm to 7.51 am
Penzance 5.19 pm to 7.54 am

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● Alpine tragedy studied ● Rio aims for record ● Bombed out, but back

Ski guides review avalanche risk

ATH of five British nd their ski instruc- avalanche above France at the week- focused internation- on the high risks with high rewards. wing popularity of f piste" in virgin from the marked safe by constant had already alert- ish Association of Guides to ensure le taking clients or avalanche- should be able to recognise and assess the complex and subtle signs of danger.

The association, whose members hold the full international guides' carnet, met last week in the Mont Blanc area on probably the most advanced avalanche assessment course to be organised in the Alps.

Bill O'Connor, association guide, said the freedom to ski off-piste despite the risks was cherished by skiers in Europe. It was not shared by others in parts of America where many ski areas were privately owned and closely policed.

"But when skiers leave the beaten track for slopes of untouched snow they are moving into a very dangerous world because most avalanches are caused by people and happen in unexpected places," he said. The avalanche course recognised that skiers brought up in the protected environment of a resort often lacked a wider sense and knowledge of mountaineering.

Mr O'Connor said: "As a piste skier all you need do is keep an eye on the weather and if things change you head for the nearest restaurant. All that changes when you go beyond the ropes. There are no restaurants, and although a slope may look safe, the invisible structure and build-up of pressure beneath an apparently safe surface could make it ripe for avalanche. It only needs the cut of a skier's tracks to act as a trigger."

The course teaches the latest techniques for building a scientifically accurate profile of snow conditions, of picking out the "islands of safety" in a dangerous ocean of snow and avoiding the terrain traps where risk was great but not always obvious.

Ali Ross, one of Britain's best-known ski instructors who runs ski clinics in Tignes, teaches that most British skiers able to practise for only one or two weeks a year, find themselves on a plateau of ability — able to make a stylish descent of a groomed piste in sunny conditions but less able to cope with steeper ground and powder or crusted snow.

rime will not stop the Carnival

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THIS YEAR'S Rio Carnival, which will fill the city's streets with thousands of dancers, singers and musicians when it begins next weekend, is expected to attract a record number of visitors from Britain.

Tourism could even offer Brazil a way out of many of the problems of poverty it encounters as a developing nation, but only if its government invests huge amounts in the industry, according to a special report just published. Tour operators say bookings from people going to the carnival are well up on 1993.

Varig, the Brazilian national airline, carries large numbers of South Americans back home from Britain for the annual festival, and Kuoni, which takes around 5,000 British tourists to Brazil every year, says its packages are almost fully booked for this year's celebrations, which begin on February 12 and last a week.

In the report by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), published last month, it is suggested that Brazil, which is notorious for its death squads, street children and gang violence in Rio de Janeiro, nonetheless has enormous untapped tourism potential which could create wealth and jobs for its people.

The country has yet to develop as a package destination. Sanitation, roads and airports have to be upgraded to cater for the needs of visitors, but sensitive development could help ease the country out of its recession, says the report, which recognises Brazil's problems of hyper-inflation, unemployment and debt, but says that tourism could be the country's biggest employment sector in a few years if it received backing from its government.

Geoffrey Lipman, the president of the WTTC, says that government ministers in Brazil have already recognised the need for change and taken steps to crack down on lawlessness in Rio. He explains: "Ten to fifteen 15 years ago, Rio was a magnet for tourists and a highly fashionable resort. Then it went into decline and developed a reputation as a place where you were likely to be mugged. However, the government now is even more conscious of the need to attract investment than we are, and it is trying to crack down on criminal activity."

The WTTC admits that implementing the policy would cost hundreds of millions of dollars, but says improved infrastucture would help residents as well as tourists.

Brazil's poor human rights record, Rio's violent reputation, and the high cost of flying into the country have meant it has yet to develop as a destination for package tourists.

A spokesman for Varig says that since hardly any resort in the world is 100 per cent safe from crime, tourists are beginning to return as they realise that Rio is overcoming the worst of its problems.

He adds: "Now, so long as you do not leave your valuables on show or in hotel rooms, there is not a great security problem. Hotel rates in Brazil compare favourably with Caribbean resorts, so it is possible to have an exotic holiday that is not expensive, and air networks, public transport and hotels are already in place to cater with the huge demand for domestic tourism from wealthy locals."

Last year, Varig carried 2.8 million international passengers, compared with 5.6 million domestic travellers. About 25 per cent of all seats are taken by people travelling on business, but with new confidence in the Brazilian economy, that figure is expected to increase. In 1992, the last year for which figures are available, a total of 19,000 British business and leisure travellers visited Brazil.

Kuoni says Brazil offers good value accommodation and food. A return flight from Britain and five nights in a five-star hotel in Rio costs from £659 a person. Another tour company, Journey Latin America, says that its bookings for holidays to Brazil rose by 30 per cent last year to 500 people on escorted tours and 5,000 who requested flights.

The WTTC is calling for a national travel and tourism policy in partnership with the private sector, a plan for effective marketing internationally, and steps to remove bureaucratic barriers to entry for foreign visitors.

According to Steve Collins, of Journey Latin America, a London travel agency, "We brief our groups when they arrive in Brazil and tell them to be careful, and not to wear lots of jewellery or carry video cameras. Outside Rio, it is much more relaxed and there are stunning areas of jungle popular with wildlife watchers.

"There is not really a problem with making arrangements, but the *mañana* syndrome is still there: the feeling that everything will happen, in time."



Dancing in the streets at the Rio Carnival has attracted a record number of tourists

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France	8.55 FFr	Japan	160 Y	USA	1.47 $

FLYAWAYS

Hotel stay

CHAMPAGNE, Belgian chocolates, breakfast, fruit and flowers are included in the price of £199 a night for a suite at Le Meridien Piccadilly hotel (071-734 8000), London. The rate, for two people, is available at weekends until December 31.

☐ SHERPA Expeditions (081-577 2717) will give a 20 per cent reduction to doctors on the price of walking holidays in the Himalayas, Central Asia and Eastern European countries, believing that having a medic on the trip is a sensible safety measure. The 24-day Everest Highpoint tour departs from Heathrow on March 23. Doctors pay £1,233 a person, others £1,541.

☐ DEPARTURES to Goa on Sundays between February 27 and April 17 from Gatwick cost £359 a person, including hotel accommodation, with Hayes and Jarvis (081-741 9902). A second week's stay is free if a mealplan fee is paid.

☐ DISCOVERY Cruises (071-586 7191) offers a standby rate for its Red Sea Wanderer package on February 25 of £895 a person. The ten-day tour visits Greece, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Suez Canal, and on-board lecturers cover the region's history, geography and politics. The price includes meals, flights and travel insurance.

☐ A Murder Mystery break at the Star Hotel, Great Yarmouth (0493 842294), from March 18 to 20, costs £125 a person including meals.

☐ SKIERS wanting to pursue their sport after April should consult Bradt Publications' South American Ski Guide (0494 873478), which has special sections on Argentina and Chile and costs £10.95.

☐ GOING Places (0733 313888) has flights to Paris from Heathrow for £86 and flights to Athens for £159. Return journeys from Manchester to Rome cost £177 and £230 to Toronto.

☐ A new programme of rail tours between London and Edinburgh, eating and sleeping on the train, begins in April via Abercrombie and Kent (071-730 9600). They start from £950 a person, and the five-day tour of Scotland costs £2,200.

☐ STENA Sealink (0233 647033) offers a two-night break at the three-star Hotel Holland in Amsterdam for £45 a person until March 31. The price includes return car ferry crossing from Harwich to the Hook of Holland or Dover to Calais.

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Environmentalists upset at road plans to relieve M4

BY SHALINI GIDOOMAL

NE of Britain's most unusu- hotels may be forced to close ecause of a plan to run a £300 illion road scheme through car park.

Frank Sheehan, 41, owner of e Lighthouse Hotel in West sk, bought the derelict and ndalised lighthouse near ewport, Gwent, in 1987 and ent £180,000 transforming e building, which is Grade listed.

When the Welsh Office's ans for the M4 relief road, run south of Gwent, were blished, however, councillors were unaware of the conversion. Environmental groups, meanwhile, have expressed concern at the siting of the three routes from which the final choice will be made. All of them run through large tracts of protected areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

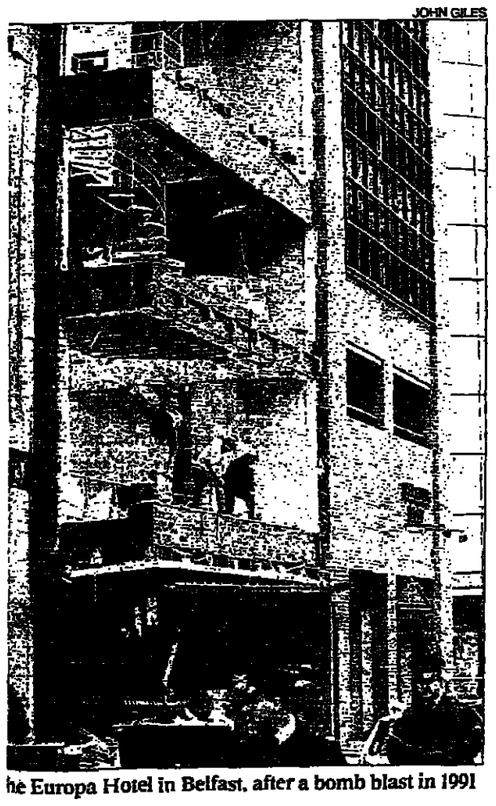
"The planners have selected the worst routes possible from an environmental point of view," says John Windsor, nature reserves officer for Gwent Wildlife Trust. "The marshland is the last piece of fenland in South Wales, and the road threatens rare creatures, including otters."

Amanda Martin, of Motorway Alert, a conservation group, says: "Most of the area is either farming land or conservation sites. Some of the people affected were — like Mr Sheehan — not even notified by the Welsh Office because the planners did not know their home existed at all."

The Welsh Office, which chose the three routes out of 2,000 different combinations, says the decision was based on a "people or birds policy".

A spokesman says: "Proposals to widen the existing M4 north of Newport were discarded because too many homes would have to be demolished."

Belfast's Europa prepares for peace



JOHN GILES

The Europa Hotel in Belfast, after a bomb blast in 1991

BY ROS DRINKWATER

ONE OF the world's most bombed hotels, the Europa in Belfast, reopens tomorrow just over two years after it went into receivership.

The flagship of the Ulster-based Hastings Hotels Group and home from home to the world's press throughout the past troubled 23 years of Northern Ireland, it was the Europa's proud boast that it never closed, despite 29 terrorist attacks. In the most recent attack a 1,000lb bomb exploded in May 1993. In 1981, Harper Brown, the manager, was awarded an OBE for his efforts in keeping the Europa open. When the owner, Emerald Hotels, crashed with debts of £23 million in 1991 the hotel continued to trade in receivership until its purchase by Hastings in 1993, when it closed for major renovation.

Estimates for repairing the 1993 bomb damage were put at £1.75 million, but Hastings' ambitious refurbishment plans are said to have cost about three times that sum.

Dr Billy Hastings, head of the family firm, says he plans to provide Ireland with its most modern hotel. A flamboyant character whose Rolls Royce bears the number plate 1066, Dr Hastings claims he became a hotelier by accident. He built his first hotel as a means of providing licensed premises to a large, hitherto "dry" area of Belfast. To his surprise, it was the bedrooms that proved profitable and hotels have been his main business ever since. In 1986 he was awarded an OBE for his services to tourism.

The Europa is the eighth hotel in his group, which also includes the prestigious Culloden on the outskirts of the city.

The award-winning Belfast architects, Robinson and Patterson, have made radical changes to the hotel's original design, in an attempt to soften the severity of the 1960s stone-clad façade.

The 184 bedrooms are being upgraded to international standards, and one floor turned into the Euro Business Centre, a complex of eight conference suites. In addition to a gourmet restaurant to seat 70, there will be an all-hours, rapid service brasserie. Orders for up to 600 meals a day will be relayed direct from table to kitchen by radio.

Hastings' optimism is echoed elsewhere in the province. Last year £17 million was spent on developing tourist amenities, excluding hotels. Overall, Northern Ireland has had a 56 per cent increase in visitors since 1988. Although figures for 1993 are not yet available, projections are positive with an anticipated fifth record year.

In contrast to the nadir of the mid-1970s when the city centre was reduced to a wasteland, business is now brisk along Belfast's Golden Mile where there are 45 restaurants and pubs ranging from the Michelin-starred Roscoff to the National Trust-owned Crown Liquor Bar. Manx Airlines now has four flights a day to Belfast City Airport, seven minutes from the city centre, and Belfast's new railway terminal is due to open in 1996.

Hilton Hotels have expressed a keen interest in the 200-bed hotel to be built adjacent to the concert-conference hall, also due to open in 1996 as part of the £700m Laganside Development, a dockside regeneration scheme.



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Decision soon on Lloyd's litigation

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE High Court is expected to decide within the next week whether Lloyd's names can sue their members' agents for negligent advice on syndicate choice.

Dozens of names are waiting for the outcome of the case, which involves two names, Michael Sword-Daniels and Richard Brown, selected as test cases to represent names at opposite ends of the financial spectrum. Mr Sword-Daniels is one of the poorest plaintiffs, and Mr Brown one of the richest.

The "portfolio selection" cases are expected to indicate to at least 30 names what their legal chance is, given their means. Mr Sword-Daniels, a dentist, who has lost more than £500,000 and has an estimated £1 million more in the pipeline, is suing Poland Members' Agents for placing him on high-risk syndicates when he had asked for low risk.

Angus Rodger, the dentist's solicitor, said that it was claimed that the agent "owed a duty to check that Mr Sword-Daniels was on suitable syndicates for his financial means".

The defence says that the overall portfolio was not high-risk because Mr Sword-Daniels had a stop-loss policy.

Mr Brown's similar claim is a test case for richer names and those with business knowledge.

The case, before Mr Justice Gatehouse, began on January 12.

Japan cuts income tax by £32bn to boost recovery

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

JAPAN unveiled yet another package of tax reforms late last night, including long-awaited income tax cuts totalling 5.3 trillion yen (about £33 billion) to come into effect retrospectively from January 1. The package also included scrapping the current 3 per cent consumption tax in three years' time and replacing it with a 7 per cent "people's welfare tax". Both these changes become effective on April 1, 1997.

These tax measures are expected to be supplemented today by another package of spending increases. Speculation about the total size of the latest Japanese fiscal stimulus has been 14 trillion yen, suggesting around 9 trillion yen of spending increases.

Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's prime minister, said at a midnight press conference in Tokyo last night, that the next three years would see a tax revenue shortfall of 18 trillion yen (apparently only referring to the impact of income tax cuts) which would increase household incomes and stimulate the economy.

This is the fourth package announced by the Japanese authorities in an attempt to power the economy towards recovery but the first which includes income tax cuts. Previous packages have revolved around higher public spending and have not had the fullest possible impact because the money has not been parcelled out in the form of concrete building contracts.

The initial reaction to yesterday's tax measures was that they will not be enough to provoke more than a modest resumption of economic growth. Mark Cliffe, chief economist at Nomura in London, said that the inclusion of income tax cuts was a breakthrough but said that he expected another package of direct tax cuts would be needed later this year.

The income tax cuts were smaller than many Japanese had expected, with speculation centering on cuts of between 6 trillion and 8 trillion yen. There was some relief that offsetting increases in indirect taxes are to be delayed by three years, giving the stimulus time to boost the economy. Speculation had centred on a delay of two years.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "This package will do no more than put a floor under the Japanese economy. It is very unlikely to promote strong growth because Japan's problems are as much structural as cyclical." He noted that the economy continues to be burdened with overmanning, high levels of bad debts in the banking system and an overvalued yen. He still expects only modest growth of less than 1 per cent in Japan during the fiscal year 1994.

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Eddie George leaving the Treasury after meeting Kenneth Clarke yesterday

Hopes of European rate cuts lift shares

HOPES of lower interest rates in Europe helped boost shares to record highs in London and Paris, but there remains great uncertainty whether the Bundesbank will actually lead the way by cutting its official rates today (Janet Bush writes).

In Britain, the FT-SE 100 closed 38.8 higher at 3,520.3, a new peak, despite the fact that there is little expectation of a near-term cut in UK interest rates among City economists. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, had their regular monthly meeting yesterday, but the economic picture has probably not changed significantly enough to warrant a change in interest rates.

In Germany, economists were split on whether the Bundesbank will cut official rates. December's inflation figures, which showed a fall in the rate to 3.4 per cent from 3.7 per cent, support the case, as does recent stability in the mark rate against the dollar. Set against this are the usual worries about M3 money supply.

The other focus for market interest is the meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee starting today in the US. Meanwhile, the US Commerce Department reported that the index of leading indicators rose by 0.7 per cent in December after an increase of 0.5 per cent in November.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Court rules that Opel staff can work for VW

A FRANKFURT court ruled yesterday that former executives of Opel, General Motors' subsidiary in Germany, can work for Volkswagen, rejecting a suit by Opel alleging industrial espionage in a dispute that started last spring when José Ignacio Lopez, the General Motors cost-cutting expert, defected to VW and seven of his aides followed him.

The court said that the behaviour of Volkswagen in hiring the seven managers was not unfair competition. It said that it did not find sufficient grounds to agree with Opel's contention that VW "systematically lured away" the team. The result of the suit does not affect a criminal investigation under way against Volkswagen on suspicion of industrial espionage, a case that has drawn strong interest in the United States. Prosecutors in Darmstadt, near Frankfurt, are looking into claims — denied by Volkswagen — that Señor Lopez and his aides took large quantities of business secrets on Opel's plans when they moved to Volkswagen.

BCCI auditor 'tipped off'

BCCI auditors were tipped off by an informer that dummy accounts had been set up to deceive them while they were checking the bank's financial health, an Old Bailey court heard yesterday. Simon Chapman, of Price Waterhouse, said that, as a result, his firm had reported its concern to the Bank of England. He was giving evidence in the trial of Mohammed Baqi, who is alleged to have played a vital role in helping BCCI bump up its profits to deceive the auditors. Baqi, 66, formerly managing director of Attock Oil, from Kings Langley, Herts, has denied conspiring to furnish false information and furnishing false information. The trial continues.

BNFL profits halved

PROFITS at British Nuclear Fuels more than halved last year to £76 million. The company said delays in starting the Thorp fuel reprocessing plant were partly to blame. A shutdown of facilities producing fuel for Magnox reactors is estimated to have cost £20 million in lost profits. The state-owned company also had to spend £10 million on cleaning up and repairs after radiation leaked from the Magnox manufacturing equipment into the containment room. Turnover in the year to March 31, 1993, was little changed at £1.05 billion. Provisions were £109 million (£29 million).

Brent Walker reprieve

BRENT Walker, the cash-strapped leisure group, said its bank lenders are to extend £68.9 million of working capital facilities until the end of 1997. The facilities, agreed in 1992 when £1 billion of debt was refinanced, were due for repayment at the end of next month. The company said it has received consent in principle from the majority of its bankers, subject to documentation. It said it expects agreement to be received by the end of the month, and has convened a meeting of holders of 90.7 million variable rate convertible subordinated notes due in 2007, whose approval is needed.

Rail proposals sought

A CONSORTIUM including the Dutch state railway is one of six groups invited to submit proposals for the £600 million modernisation of the West Coast mainline railway between London and Glasgow. Some 41 consortia signalled interest in renewing Britain's most railway line, with a catchment of 20 million people. Industrial groups apparently believe that it could pay its way and win travellers back from airlines and motorways. Two British-led consortia invited to tender are a group led by Alexander Gibb, the consultants, and Eurorail, owned by GEC, Trafalgar House and BICC.

Talks on Kleeneze chain

THE future of The Leading Edge, Kleeneze's retail chain, is unclear after the failure of a joint venture deal. The 13 gadget shops were to be operated by a joint venture involving Kleeneze and the Powerstore Group, owner of London Electricity's showrooms, but the deal, which was due to be completed two days ago, has foundered after Powerstore's failure to release itself from certain obligations to London Electricity in time. The two parties are now discussing outright sale of the chain to Powerstore. Otherwise, Kleeneze will seek another buyer while rationalising the business.

Cash for Aerospatiale

FRANCE announced yesterday it will inject Fr2 billion in new capital into Aerospatiale, the state-owned aerospace group. François Leotard, defence minister, and Edmond Alphandéry, economics minister, said in a joint communique that the recapitalisation by the state would enable Aerospatiale to benefit from the gradual recovery of markets, particularly through such new programs as the Airbus A330-A340. Aerospatiale is active in civil aviation with Airbus Consortium, in helicopters with Eurocopter, in missiles, and in satellites and rockets with Ariane.

Eighth record at Barrick

AMERICAN Barrick Resources, the North American gold miner, reports record production, earnings and cash flow for the eighth consecutive year ending December 31. The group, in association with Power Corporation of Canada, has formed a joint company in Asia, in which it holds 75 per cent, to pursue gold opportunities in China, and has taken up a 75 per cent stake in a project in northern Peru. Barrick's net income rose 22 per cent to $213.4 million on revenue of $667.5 million. Dividend declaration will follow later.

Labour tax plan seen as damaging

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders today mount a strong attack on the Labour Party's tax policies, arguing that they threaten "damaging consequences" for investment, growth and jobs.

While accepting that Labour realises the importance of supporting the manufacturing base, the Confederation of British Industry says that Labour's policies retain "uncomfortable echoes of the past".

Howard Davies, CBI Director-General, says that business's "main worries" about Labour relate to tax — and particularly to the measures proposed by Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, on tax abuse, which the CBI says are not a loophole-closing exercise but "a massive increase in business taxation."

Labour's plans, the CBI says, would amount to a 25 per cent rise in the current corporation tax yield. In the CBI's journal, Mr Davies writes: "There is no pot of gold to be had from corporate profits, without very damaging consequences for investment, growth and employment."

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Losses deepen at Euro Disney

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BANKERS involved in vital restructuring talks for Euro Disneyland have learnt that the debt-plagued theme park's troubles have worsened, with losses deepening by almost a third in the first quarter of the financial year.

Euro Disneyland chose yesterday, as bankers met in Paris to consider a progress report on the park's financing, to release its figures for the three months to December. There was immediate speculation in Paris that the figures had been unveiled to put further pressure on the banks.

They are in negotiations with the Euro Disneyland management and the Walt Disney corporation of America, the company's 49 per cent shareholder, over essential rescheduling of the group's Fr20 billion of debt.

Antoine Nodet, analyst with ING Bourse, said the move to announce the figures today was strategic. "It's to scare the bankers," he said.

The figures themselves showed that despite cost-cutting, the park's finances are deteriorating as it nears the March 31 deadline, when the Disney corporation has said it will no longer support the project financially. "It's a worsening of activity which continues to pull their results down," M Nodet said.

> **Euro Disneyland shareholders have had their fair share of slaps across the face, but it is difficult not to view the lack of hard financial information in the latest figures as another insult.**
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Euro Disneyland said the first quarter had seen a fall in revenues from Fr944 million to Fr828 million. This reflects a fall in entrance and other prices to attract custom to the park, which has consistently missed earlier admission forecasts.

Despite the lower revenues, operating losses were unchanged because of lower operating costs, the company said, refusing to reveal either figure. But the net loss for the first quarter, after taking account of interest payments, jumped from Fr423 million to Fr553 million.

Yesterday, the banks met in Paris to hear a preliminary report from the French arm of KPMG Peat Marwick ahead of a full report into the park's finances to be drawn up by the accountant by the end of the month. The meeting broke up without formal comment.

"Efforts to restructure the company's finances are ongoing," a short statement from the company said. "The company anticipates discussions will continue after the meeting of all the banks and KPMG."

After a day of sharp gyrations, the Euro Disneyland shares in London ended 5p higher at 410p. Observers are increasingly nervous, however, that the restructuring may not be in place before the March deadline, which comes just ahead of the important Easter season.

Charles Allen, an analyst in London with NatWest Securities, said: "The financial situation has deteriorated further. There is considerable urgency. If they are in a position where they are paying net interest when Disney stops funding their cash needs on March 31, then the park will be bankrupt and will have to close. On the current financial structure, the business isn't viable."

As well as the shortfall of visitors, Euro Disneyland has had to cope with lower-than-expected spending per head and hotel occupancy rates, and disappointing earnings from property development.

Many observers accept that the debts will probably have to be cut by a half to make the park viable at current attendance levels, with perhaps another Fr2 billion put in to provide the necessary working capital. The Disney corporation is thought to have indicated to the banks privately that it might be prepared to put up Fr2.5 billion of fresh funds, to be matched by other shareholders.

On those figures, the further Fr7 billion needed to make the park sufficiently profitable would have to come from debt write-offs and conversion of debt into equity.



JAMES MORGAN

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, yesterday launched a new business awards scheme, backed by £500,000 from the Government. The awards are part of a campaign to raise competitiveness and management quality. The winners will be announced in November.

Another pit faces closure

BY ROSS TIEMAN

THE future of Manton Colliery, Nottinghamshire, and the jobs of its 550 miners are in doubt after British Coal said it will reconvene a review meeting to discuss the pit's prospects.

Such meetings are normally seen as a prelude to closure. The colliery had previously been considered safe from the threat of closure.

The National Union of Mineworkers said the decision showed "clear political bias". Manton, near Worksop, is the only pit in Nottinghamshire with an NUM majority. Miners at the other pits in the county are largely represented by the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

Earlier, the corporation confirmed plans to close Goldthorpe Colliery near Doncaster, with the loss of 410 jobs.

Debit cards to be allowed for share transactions

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE investors will soon be able to pay for shares by plastic debit card in a move that should help to speed up the introduction of rolling settlement of share transactions.

Switch, whose cards are issued by 27 banks and building societies in the UK, has given its members the go-ahead to market the card services to stockbrokers. Visa Delta, whose cards are issued by Lloyds and Barclays in the UK, is also considering allowing customers to use the card to pay for shares.

The stock market will move to ten-day rolling settlement of transactions from July 18, and hopes to introduce settlement within five days by next January. Three-day settlement is likely to be introduced to coincide with the planned introduction of Crest, the Bank of England's electronic share settlements system, in 1996.

This compares with the present stock market account system under which investors can buy and sell shares as often as they like within the set timescale and pay up on settlement day, which can be up to three weeks later.

A spokeswoman for the Stock Exchange said the Exchange has no rule precluding the use of debit cards. Their use to pay for financial transactions has up to now been prevented by card operators.

Nigel Turner, head of marketing at Switch Card Services, said the debit card was developed as a point of sale system, for use in stores, but that Switch's members have seen more demand for its use in other areas.

He said bank customers have not been able to use the card for share transactions up to now because "we wanted to ensure that the technology behind Switch was sufficiently robust to cope with larger financial transactions".

Private client stockbrokers have been keen to ensure that small investors are able to keep pace with institutional shareholders when rolling settlement is introduced.

Richard Twydell, head of marketing at Henderson Crosthwaite, said that private client brokers could cope with ten-day settlement. But he said: "It really starts to become critical with the introduction of five-day settlement in 1995. You can run out of time if clients pay by cheque. Three-day rolling settlement makes it impossible."

Heseltine rules on payments by ECGD

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Government is waiving its legal right to up to £83 million of excess payments made to British exporters since 1975 by the ECGD, the official export credit insurer.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, announced the decision in a Commons written answer following publication yesterday of a National Audit Office (NAO) report that condemned as "unsatisfactory" the difference in operations in the past between ECGD's offices in London and Cardiff. The latter, now privatised, is owned by NCM, the Dutch credit insurer.

The report said "in the absence of explicit Treasury approval, the payments in excess of strict entitlement that the Department (ECGD) have made to policyholders is irregular". But Sir John Bourn, head of the NAO, concluded that as the excess payments only amounted to £250,000 in ECGD's 1992-93 accounts, he had decided not to qualify them.

The discrepancy between the way recovered payments from overseas were shared out between the ECGD and its exporting firms was uncovered in 1992 by consultants when the credit insurer was being computerised. After 18 months of consultation with legal advisers, the ECGD concluded it had paid exporters more interest that legally required on late payments from overseas.

Mr Heseltine said the question of how recovered funds should be paid out had now been made clear, and that the London office practice would prevail. This means that 90 per cent of interest on late payments will go to ECGD, and 10 per cent to the exporters. Cardiff had paid all the interest to the exporters.

The ruling means that some exporters would receive a lower share of recoveries than they had in the past.

BUSINESS EDITOR
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Davis hits jackpot with Sturge compensation



Davis: left Sturge last year

BY SARAH BAGNALL

PETER Davis, Director-General of the National Lottery, which will have a turnover of £4 billion a year, has hit the jackpot.

According to a spokesman for Sturge Holdings, the Lloyd's insurance company, Mr Davis received £182,000 in compensation for loss of office when he resigned as deputy chairman and finance director in February 1993.

Mr Davis said: "I can't confirm any details. I'm not saying that I didn't receive that amount. I simply don't remember."

The company's annual report also shows that Mr Davis received emoluments excluding pension contributions of £71,000 in 1993, compared with £146,000 the previous year. The disparity between the two years is thought to reflect the timing of Mr Davis's departure. He decided not to seek re-election to the board at Sturge's annual meeting and left the company on March 31, 1993, six months before the company's financial year-end.

Mr Davis, who is also deputy chairman at Abbey National, the bank, joined Sturge in 1988 to help with its planned expansion outside Lloyd's. However, as a result of problems at Lloyd's, the company's business contracted and less emphasis was placed on diversification. The fall in the company's managed syndicates' capacity prompted a need to reduce the management team and, coupled with the switch in emphasis, led to Mr Davis's decision not to stand for re-election.

Sturge made a pre-tax profit of £1.2 million in the year to September 31, 1993, compared with £7.75 million. The final dividend was cut from 5.5p to 2p, making a total for the year of 3p compared with 8.25p. Soon after Mr Davis announced his intention to leave, Sturge underwent a significant reorganisation, involving a reduction in the number of managed syndicates from 22 to 13. Then, in October, the board was strengthened with the appointment of three new directors.

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Share values boosted by £9bn as record run resumes

THE whiff of cheaper money enabled the London stock market to resume its record breaking run and carry share prices up through the 3,500 mark to their highest levels ever. About £9 billion was added to share values as the FT-SE 100 index soared 38.8 points to a new record closing high of 3,520.3. The number of shares traded again topped the one billion mark.

A futures-led rally helped the cash market wipe out an early fall of 10 points as whispers from the trading pit suggested that yesterday's monthly meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England could signal the next cut in base rates. It was not to be, and now all eyes are focused on today's Bundesbank meeting for signs of a cut in German interest rates.

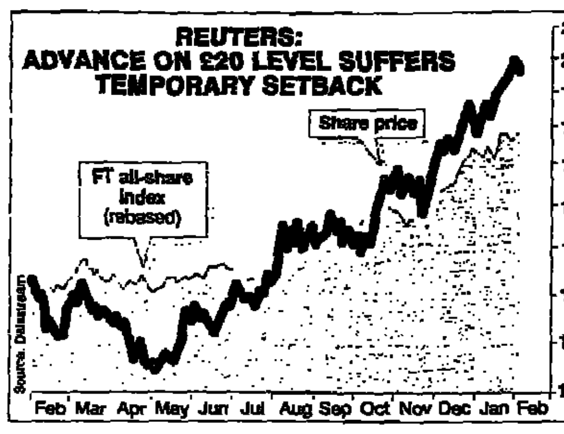
STOCK MARKET

Among leaders, **Hanson** climbed 3½p to 296p. The company will be making an important presentation to brokers and fund managers in a couple of weeks' time.

BAT Industries fell 8p to 521p as UBS, the broker, trimmed its profits forecast. This was accompanied by whispers that BAT is looking to bid for the Victoire insurance group, a subsidiary of Banque Indo-Suez, the French bank.

Lonrho jumped 8½p to 169½p in heavy trading which saw 11 million shares change hands. Some brokers claim that the imminent flotation of Ashanti could value Lonrho's stake in the company at around £300 million.

Reuters saw its advance on the £20 mark receive a temporary setback, with the price dropping to £19.60 as Goldman Sachs, the New York-based securities house, struck the shares off its priority buy list. The price later rallied to finish only 5p cheaper lighter at £19.68 before full year figures next Tuesday.



Pearson were a firm market before interim figures from BSkyB, in which it has a stake, later today. The price finished 16p better at 718p. **United Newspapers**, publisher of the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*, also attracted support on further reflection of this week's deal in the US with a rise of 19p to 727p. **Lucas Industries** continued to strengthen, with a rise of 9p to 232p, as brokers still assessed benefits of this week's merger between Rover and BMW. Lucas warrants were also chased higher, with the price adding 9p to 62½p. Other component group which are expected to benefit included **BBA**, up 10p at 223p, and **GKN**, 10p dearer at 614p.

Shares of **Euro Disney** fluctuated wildly between 385p and 417p before settling at 408p, up 3p. As the group's creditors met to discuss refinancing proposals, the company announced first quarter net losses up from Fr423 million to Fr553 million.

Food retailers recovered some of their recent falls. **Argyll**, the Safeway supermarket chain, gained 3p to 268p, **Asda** 1p to 63p, **Kwik Save** 5p to 605p, **William Morrison Supermarkets** 3p to 116p, and **Tesco** 5p to 224p. But J Sainsbury finish unchanged at 383p after appointing Coopers & Lybrand as group auditors in place of Clark Whitehill.

Celltech, the biotechnology group, rose 9p to 228p excited by reports that it may have helped discover a cure for rheumatoid arthritis. But UBS says the market has overreacted and is urging clients to reduce losses. Celltech was floated in December at 250p.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts continued to shadow overseas bond markets with prices rallying from an early markdown before suffering another relapse. The March series of the Long Gilt eased a tick to finish at £118 17/32 as 52,000 contracts were completed. In longs Treasury 9 per cent 2012 lost £5/16 at £125 3/8, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £⅛ off at £115½.

□ **WALL STREET**: The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.10 points at 3,960.91. Jim Schroeder, market analyst at MMS International, said: "There is potential for further corrective losses, but the market is holding up relatively well so far." Analysts said a $2¾ drop in Sears Roebuck, a Dow component, was a big weight on the blue chip barometer. In the broad market, advancing issues maintained a five-to-four lead over declining shares. Turnover was a heavy 160 million shares.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4955 (-0.0115)
German mark .... 2.5932 (-0.0094)
Exchange index .... 82.0 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3520.3 (+38.8)
Dow Jones .... 3960.91 (-3.10)*
Nikkei Avg .... 20250.03 (-166.31)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5⅛-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.05-3.03%*
Long Bond 6.31%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£ $ 1.4957*	£ $ 1.4960
$:DM . 1.7330*	£:DM 2.5917
$:SWfr. 1.4518*	£ SWfr 2.1707
$ Ffr ... 5.8830*	£ Ffr 8.8010
$ Yen . 107.99*	£ Yen 161.53
£ SDR .. 1.0857	£ ECU 1.3340

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 384.95 .... PM 384.70
Close 384.20-384.70
New York:
Comex 384.05-384.55*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $14.80 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.9 Dec (1.9%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.03
Austria Sch	19.20	17.70
Belgium Fr	56.68	52.28
Canada $	2.103	1.943
Cyprus Cyp£	0.807	0.757
Denmark Kr	10.67	9.87
Finland Mkk	8.92	8.12
France Fr	9.25	8.55
Germany Dm	2.75	2.54
Greece Dr	394.50	369.50
Hong Kong $	12.23	11.23
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2626.00	2471.00
Japan Yen	177.00	160.00
Malta	0.630	0.575
Netherlds Gld	3.054	2.824
Norway Kr	11.73	10.93
Portugal Esc	272.00	253.50
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.37	11.57
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	27416.0	25916.0
USA $	1.598	1.468

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Judgment may limit bank loan claims

By Sarah Bagnall

BANKS trying to recover losses on loans made against over-valued properties may not be able to continue recovering that part of the loss which is due to a fall in property prices.

The amount of legal claims made against property surveyors for negligent valuations since 1990 is estimated at £1 billion, according to Cameron Markby Hewitt, the law firm. But a large chunk of this relates to the decline of the property market.

In a recent High Court ruling, Banque Bruxelles Lambert, the Belgian bank, failed to win damages against John D Wood Commercial for losses incurred by the collapse of the property market.

In another case, Nyckeln Finance against Stumpbrook, a judgment is expected later this month. Andrew Legg, a lawyer at Linklaters & Paines, said: "If the judgement is the same as for BBL it will not be binding but it will be highly persuasive for another judge."

In BBL's case the bank had lent against two properties. The judge awarded damages but deducted the losses due to the collapse of the property market. He also ruled that BBL had been negligent in lending more than the agreed sale price.

Siebe, Honeywell end war of words

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

A TRADE dispute between Siebe, Britain's biggest engineer headed by Barrie Stephens, and Honeywell, the American aerospace and defence business, has been settled. The British firm has dropped an action for defamation against the Americans, in return for ditching an advertising campaign which depicted the latter as dinosaurs.

The agreement, resolving a four-month war of words, includes a no-comment clause which prevents either party from giving details. Allen Yurko, managing director and since the start of the year chief executive of Siebe, refused to indicate if the deal had involved any cash settlement.

He said: "We reached agreement with Honeywell that they would inform their sales force not to distribute sales training material directed at us. We agreed to cease an advertising campaign which related to competitors' products we thought were somewhat obsolete."



Barrie Stephens reached agreement after four months

The dispute was between Honeywell and Siebe's American Foxboro offshoot, two of the three biggest players in the huge market to supply automated engineering equipment to large industrial plants, such as oil refineries. Foxboro, which yesterday announced a £36 million orders windfall including a contract to supply a new liquified natural gas plant in Qatar, had taken exception to information circulated by Honeywell to potentional customers which made various technical points about Foxboro's product. The company hit back with the "dinosaur campaign," which did not identify Honeywell but which the trade saw as a clear challenge. Both sides promise they will now "vigorously compete" by promoting the advantages of their respective products.

Ferranti closer to rescue

A rescue of the collapsed Ferranti electonics business moved closer yesterday when the administrative receivers said they expected to receive a number of indicative bids later this month.

John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, of accountants Arthur Andersen, said they have already held exploratory discussions with those who have expressed interest. "We are optimistic that the leading contenders to purchase substantially all the Ferranti businesses will be in a position to submit indicative bids during February and that formal purchase negotiations can start in the early part of March," they said.

Both GEC and British Aerospace are understood to be interested in parts of the Ferranti business, whose activities centre on warship command and control systems and other sophisticated electronics. Prospects for a successful rescue were enhanced when the Ministry of Defence yesterday confirmed the selection of Ferranti to help design control systems for a planned new class of assault ships.

JCI lifts payout

Johannesburg Consolidated Investment, the South African mining house in which Anglo American holds a significant stake, is raising its interim dividend from 42 cents to 46 cents a share after equity acounted earnings rose by 10.4 per cent to R194.9 million (£37.9 million) in the six months to December 31.

Citizens ahead

Citizens Financial, the Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary, saw net earnings rise 13 per cent to $11.4 million in the first quarter of the financial year. Citizens, the fifth biggest bank in New England, saw assets grow 51 per cent to $7 billion.

WALL STREET

	Feb 2 midday	Feb 1 close		Feb 2 midday	Feb 1 close		Feb 2 midday	Feb 1 close
AMP Inc	63	62¾	Eaton Corp	57¾	58¾	Oryx Energy Co	19¾	18¾
AMR Corp	71¼	71	Emerson Elec	63¾	61½	Owens Corning	45¼	45
Abbott Labs	30	29¾	Engelhard Corp	25¾	25¾	PNC Financial	29	29¾
Aetna Life	62¾	62¾	Enron Corp	34	33¾	PPG Industries	79¾	79¾
Ahmanson (HF)	18¾	18¾	Ethyl Corp	19¾	18¾	Paccar Inc	58¾	57¾
Air Prod & Chem	49¼	48¾	Exxon	66¾	66½	Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Albertson's	26¼	25¾	FMC Corp	48¾	48¾	Pac Enterprises	23¾	23
Alcan Alumnm	24¾	24½	FPL Group	35¾	36½	Pac Gas & Elec	33¾	33½
Alco Standard	57¾	57¾	Federal Express	75¾	76	Pac Telesis	57¾	57¾
Allied Signal	79¾	79¾	Fed Nat Mtge	87¾	88¾	Pall Corp	19	18¾
Alum Co of Am	79¾	79¾	First Chicago	49¾	49	Panhandle East	25¾	25¾
Amax Gold Inc	7¼	7¼	First Interstate	68¾	68¾	Paramnt Comm	78	79¾
Amerada Hess	49¾	48	First Union Rlty	9¾	10	Parker Hannifin	37½	37¾
Amer Brands	35¾	35½	Fleet Fnl Grp	35¾	35¾	Penney (JC)	53¾	53¾
Amer Cyanamid	49¾	49¾	Fluor Corp	45¾	44½	Pennzoil	55¾	54½
Amer El Power	35¾	35¾	Ford Motor	67¾	66¾	Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Amer Express	32¾	32½	GTE Corp	34½	34½	Pfizer	64	63¾
Amer Genl Corp	28¾	28¾	Gannett	55¾	56½	Phelps Dodge	55½	56¾
Amer Home Pr	62½	62¾	Gap Inc Del	41	40¾	Philadel Elec	29¾	29¾
Amer Intl	91¾	92¾	Gen Dynamics	93¾	94½	Philip Morris	59¾	59¾
Amer Stores	42¾	42	Gen Electric	107	106¾	Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Amer T & T	56¾	56¾	Gen Mills	59¾	59¾	Pitney Bowes	44¼	44¾
Ameritech	41¼	41½	Gen Motors	61¼	61	Polaroid	32¾	35
Amoco	54½	53¾	Gen Reinsurance	112	112¾	PriceCostco	17¾	17¾
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¾	Gen Signal	36¼	36¾	Procter & Gmbl	58¾	58¾
Apple Computer	32¾	33¾	Genuine Parts	38¾	38½	Pub Serv E & G	31¼	31½
Archer Daniels	26¾	26½	Georgia Pac	75½	74½	Quaker Oats	65¾	65¾
Arkla	8¼	8¼	Gillette	61¼	61½	Ralston Purina	44	44½
Armco	6½	6¾	Glaxo ADR	20	19¾	Raychem Corp	37	37
Armstrng Wrld	55¾	55¾	Goodrich (BF)	41¾	41½	Raytheon	67¾	67¾
Asarco	25¾	25¾	Goodyear Tire	48¾	48¾	Reebok Intl	35¾	32¾
Ashland Oil	37¾	37¾	Grace (W&R)	45¾	46	Reynolds Metals	53½	52¾
Atl Richfield	111¼	111¼	Grt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	23¾	Roadway Srvcs	70½	70¾
Auto Data Pro	52¾	52½	Great Wstn Fin	18¾	18½	Rockwell Intl	41¼	41¼
Avery Dennison	28½	28¾	Halliburton	34	32	Rohm & Haas	58¾	58
Avon Products	54	54¾	Harcourt General	36¼	35¾	Royal Dutch	108¾	108¾
Baker Hughes	20¾	20	Heinz (HJ)	34¾	34¾	Rubbermaid	31¼	30¾
Baltim Gas & El	24¾	24¾	Hercules	109¾	109¾	Safeco Corp	58¾	59¾
Banc One	37½	37¾	Hershey Foods	48¾	48½	St Paul's Cos	86¾	86½
BankAmerica	45¾	45¾	Hewlett Packard	84½	84¼	Salomon Inc	48¾	48¾
Bank of NY	56½	56¾	Hilton Hotels	69¾	67¾	Santa Fe Pac	24¾	24¾
Bankers Tr NY	83¾	83¾	Home Depot	39¾	39	Sara Lee Corp	22¾	22¾
Barnett Banks	42¾	42	Homestake Mng	22¾	23½	Scecorp	19¾	19¾
Bausch & Lomb	51¼	51½	Honeywell	32¾	32¾	Schering Plough	63½	62
Baxter Intl	24¼	24¼	Household Intl	33¾	33¾	Schlumberger	60½	59
Bectn Dicknsn	36¾	36½	Houston Inds	46	45¾	Scott Paper	46½	46
Bell Atlantic	55¾	55	Humana	21½	21½	Seagram	30¾	30¾
BellSouth	59¾	59¾	ITT Corp	98¾	99¾	Sears Roebuck	50¾	53¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾	Illinois Tool	42½	42¾	Shell Trans	65¾	65¾
Block (H&R)	43½	43½	INCO	27¾	27¾	Sherwin Wlims	34¼	34½
Boeing	43	42¾	Ingersoll Rand	38¾	38¾	Skyline Corp	20¾	30¾
Boise Cascade	27¾	27¾	Inland Steel	35	34½	Snap-On-Tools	43½	42¾
Borden Inc	15¾	15½	Intel Corp	64½	64¾	Southern Co	42	42¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	57¾	IBM	55¾	56¾	Sthwestern Bell	40¾	40¾
Browning Ferris	29¾	29¾	Intl Flav & Fr	37¾	37¾	Sprint Corp	37¾	35½
Brunswick	19¾	19¾	Intl Paper	76¾	76¾	Stanley Works	44½	44½
Burlington Nthn	64¼	64	James River Va	20	19¾	Sun Company	30¾	30¾
CBS	306¼	304	Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42¾	42¾	Sun Microsys	26¼	26¾
CNA Financial	79½	79	K Mart	19¾	19¾	Suntrust	46	45¾
CPC Intl	48¾	49¾	Kellogg	53¼	52¾	Supervalu	39¾	39¾
CSX	91	91½	Kerr-McGee	47¾	46½	Syntex Corp	15½	15½
Campbell Soup	38¾	38¾	Kimberly-Clark	57¾	57¾	Sysco Corp	27½	27¾
Can Pacific	18	18¾	Knight-Ridder	57¾	58¾	TRW Inc	76¾	75¾
Cptl Cities ABC	662¾	655	Lilly (Eli)	59¾	59¾	Tandem Comp	13½	13¾
Cptl Holdings	35¾	36	Limited Inc	17¾	17¾	Tandy Corp	46½	46¼
Carolina Pwr	29	28	LIN Brdcstng	114½	115¾	Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Caterpillar	105	105¾	Lincoln Nat	41½	41¾	Teledyne	22¾	22¾
Central & SW	29	29¾	Litton	69¾	69	Temple Inland	53½	52¾
Champion Intl	33¾	33¾	Liz Claiborne	22¾	21½	Tenneco	57	56
Chase Manhat	35¾	35½	Lockheed Corp	65¾	65½	Texaco	66¾	66¾
Chemical Bk	38¾	38¾	Louisiana Pac	45¾	45¾	Texas Inst	71½	71¾
Chevron Corp	93¾	93¾	MCI Commun	27¾	27	Texas Utilities	38¾	38¾
Chrysler	61¾	61½	Marriott Int	28¾	29¾	Textron	59¾	59¾
Chubb Corp	79	81¾	Marsh & McLnn	81½	81½	Time Warner	39¾	39¾
Cigna Corp	69½	69¾	Masco Corp	39¾	39¾	Times-Mirror	36	36
Citicorp	43½	43¾	May Dept St	38¾	39¾	Timken	36¼	36¾
Clorox	51¾	51½	Maytag Corp	19	19	Torchmark	47¾	47¾
Coastal Corp	32	31½	McCaw Cellular	54	53¾	Toys R Us	37	36¾
Coca Cola	41½	41½	McDonalds	59¾	60¾	Transamerica	54½	54¾
Colgate-Palmolive	59¾	59½	McDonnell D	114½	115¾	Travelers	42¾	42¾
Columbia Gas	25¾	25¾	McGraw Hill	69¾	69¾	Tribune	59¾	59
Commonw Ed	27¾	27½	Mead Corp	47¾	47¾	Tyco Labs	54¾	54¾
Compaq Comp	86	85¾	Medtronic	85¾	83¾	UAL Corp	145¾	145
Comp Ass Intl	38¾	37	Mellon Bk	55	54¾	UST Inc	28¾	28¾
Conagra	26¾	26¼	Melville Corp	39¾	39½	USX Marathon	18¼	18¾
Cons Edison	31½	31½	Merck Inc	36¼	36¾	Unilever NV	119¾	117¾
Cons Nat Gas	46½	46¾	Merrill Lynch	43¾	43¾	Union Camp	49¾	48¾
Cons Rail	65¾	65¾	Minnesota Mine	109¾	105¾	Union Carbide	25	24¾
Cooper Inds	42	42	Mobil Corp	80¾	80	Union Pacific	63¾	65¾
Corning Inc	32¾	32	Monsanto	79¾	79¾	Unisys Corp	14¼	13¾
Crown Cork	39¾	39	Morgan (JP)	71½	71½	USAir Group	14¾	14¼
Dana Corp	60	59¾	Motorola Inc	100¾	94¾	USF&G Corp	15½	13¾
Dayton Hudson	65¾	66¾	Natl Medical	15¾	15¾	US Life	40¾	40¾
Deere	81½	82¾	Natl Semi	18¼	18¾	US West	42¾	42
Delta Air Lines	55¾	55¾	Natl Service Ind	26¾	27	United Tech	66½	66¾
Deluxe Corp	34¾	34¾	Navistar Int	25¾	25¾	Unocal Corp	29¾	29¾
Detroit Edison	29¾	29¾	NBD Bancorp	29¾	29¾	Upjohn	29¾	29¾
Digital Equip	29¾	30¾	NY Times A	28½	28¾	VF Corp	46½	48¾
Dillard Dept St	36½	36¼	Newmont Mng	55¾	55¾	WMX Tech	29¾	29½
Disney (Walt)	46¾	47¾	Niag Mohawk	19¾	19¾	Wal-Mart Stores	27¾	26¾
Dominion Res	42¾	42½	Nike B	51	50¾	Warner-Lambert	65¾	65¾
Donelley (RR)	30½	30¾	NL Industries	7½	6½	Wells Fargo	137	136¼
Dover Corp	61¼	59¾	Nordstrom	34½	34¾	Westinghouse El	14	14
Dow Chemical	63	63¾	Norfolk Sthrn	72¾	72¾	Weyerhaeuser	49¾	49¾
Dow Jones	40¾	39¾	Nthn State Pwr	43	43½	Whirlpool	69¾	69¾
Dresser	22¾	22½	Norwest Corp	26¾	26¾	Whitman	15½	15¾
Duke Power	41½	41¾	Nynex Corp	40	40¾	Winn Dixie	50¾	50¾
Dun & Brdstreet	63¼	63¼	Occidental Pet	18¾	18½	Woolworth	25½	25¾
Du Pont	55¾	56¾	Ohio Edison	21½	21½	Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¾	45¾
Eastman Kodak	44¼	44½	Oracle Systems	33½	31½	Xerox	97	97¼

RECENT ISSUES

Baring Emrg Euro	74	...
Baring Ermg Eur Wts	42½	-¼
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98½	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	113	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	121½	+½
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	128	+1
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	...
Pantheon Warrants	83	...
Rackwood (40)	41	-1
Rossmont (10)	11½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Bersiford n/p (120)	112	...
Crest Nichlsn n/p (88)	20	+5
Halkin n/p (68)	1½	...
Ramus n/p (25)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Abbey Ntl .... 510p (+11p)
Kleinwort Benson .... 688p (+18p)
Allied-Lyons .... 649p (+14p)
Paterson Zoch .... 603p (+48p)
Diploma .... 626p (+15p)
Glaxo .... 674p (+17p)
Dalgety .... 513p (+13p)
Johnson Fry .... 375p (+22p)
GUS .... 640p (+16p)
Ranger .... 383p (+30p)
Sappi .... 526¾p (+37½p)
Quicks Group .... 196p (+17p)
Br Aerospace .... 573p (+28p)
Helical Bar .... 369p (+16p)

FALLS:
BAT .... 521p (-8p)
LWT Hldgs .... 695p (-13p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	18,000	Cadbury	2,900	MEPC	917	Scot Power	1,000
Abbey Natl	6,800	Caradon	1,900	Marks Spr	5,700	Sears	1,600
Alld-Lyons	2,800	Carlton Cms	924	NFC	1,900	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	1,400	Coats Vyla	5,400	NatWst Bk	5,500	Shell Trans	7,100
Argyll Gp	6,700	Cm Union	851	Nat Power	2,600	Siebe	1,300
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	Courtaulds	623	Nth Wst W	2,000	SmKl Bch	2,100
AB Foods	248	Enterpr Oil	3,100	Nthrn Fds	2,500	Smith Nph	1,700
BAA	1,200	Forte	1,300	P & O	3,400	Sthern Elec	1,100
BAT Inds	4,800	GRE	1,000	Pearson	2,500	Std Chartd	577
BOC	2,200	GUS	2,000	PowerGen	2,700	Sun Allnce	2,400
BP	20,000	Gen Acc	1,500	Prudential	4,600	TI Gp	291
BTR	11,000	Gen Elec	5,600	RMC	109	TSB	7,700
BT	7,900	Glaxo	6,000	RTZ	2,600	Tesco	3,800
Bk of Scot	2,000	Granada	1,800	Rank Org	533	Thames W	1,800
Barclays	3,700	Grand Met	2,900	Reckitt Col	1,500	Thrn EMI	2,200
Bass	1,500	Guinness	1,800	Redland	1,300	Tomkins	5,700
Blue Circle	1,400	HSBC	2,200	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	1,600
Boots	1,500	Hanson	16,000	Rentokil	2,400	Utd Bisc	747
Bowater	725	ICI	1,300	Reuters	3,100	Vodafone	3,500
Brit Aero	7,100	Inchcape	994	Rolls Royce	3,000	Wrbrg (SG)	1,000
Brit Airwys	7,100	Kingfisher	2,300	Ryl Ins	6,700	Wellcome	1,500
Brit Gas	9,700	Ladbroke	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	2,200	Whitbrd 'A'	330
Brit Steel	22,000	Land Secs	1,800	Sainsbury	8,500	Wllms Hld	845
Burmah Cstl	988	Legal & Gn	2,200	Schroders	59	Wolseley	623
Cable Wire	1,800	Lloyds Bk	2,900	Scot & New	2,800	Zeneca	2,900

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3960.91 (-3.10)
S&P Composite .... 480.66 (+1.04)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20250.03 (-166.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11785.83 (-41.06)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 437.38 (+1.64)

Sydney: AO .... 2312.1 (+2.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2184.01 (+4.34)

FT 30 share: .... 2713.2 (+36.8)

Brussels:
General .... 7784.14 (-25.75)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2355.93 (+24.64)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 745.20 (+5.50)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1764.11 (+18.86)
FT Non Financials .... 1870.36 (+19.66)
FT Gold Mines .... 232.5 (+7.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 132.53 (-0.26)
FT Govt Secs .... 106.05 (-0.32)
Bargains 43564
SEAQ Volume 1084.6m
USM (Datastrm) .... 168.38 (+1.50)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 24	February 4	April 21	May 3

Calls 2/2/94: Aegis, Aminex, BM, Bernard Matthews, Bula Res, Burnfield, Butte Mng, Cairn 7% Prf, Carpetright, Cementone Wts, Filofax, Haemocell, Hanson Wts, Heywood Williams, Hobsons, Kembrey, Medeva, NHL, Premier, Rodime, T&N, Trafalgar Hse, Upton & Sthern, Verson Intl, Westland. **Puts:** Bernard Matthews, Caird 7% Prf, Dorling Kindersley, Euro Disney, Tex Hldgs. **Puts & Calls:** Hanstone, Tex Hldgs.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3476.0	3538.0	3466.0	3530.0	23138
Previous open interest: 73750	Jun 94	3524.0	3534.0	3524.0	3544.5	20
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.67	94.71	94.63	94.64	24047
Previous open interest: 428104	Jun 94	94.88	94.90	94.81	94.82	25536
	Sep 94	94.91	94.94	94.84	94.84	8620
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.58	96.58	96.54	96.56	244
Previous open interest: 11804	Jun 94	96.27	96.27	96.26	96.25	128
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.42	94.44	94.40	94.41	29969
Previous open interest: 881624	Jun 94	94.89	94.90	94.85	94.86	30385
Long Gilt	Mar 94	118-18	118-26	118-11	118-18	62245
Previous open interest: 109028	Jun 94	117-28	118-04	117-26	117-30	499
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.15	114.20	114.05	114.08	1914
	Jun 94	113.01	113.01	112.94	112.92	395
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.36	100.48	100.29	100.35	90313
Previous open interest: 163011	Jun 94	100.33	100.39	100.25	100.29	666
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.09	103.12	102.99	103.04	1138
Previous open interest: 8507	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.95	93.97	93.93	93.95	1584
Previous open interest: 37944	Jun 94	94.51	94.51	94.46	94.49	138
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.11	96.12	96.08	96.09	5266
Previous open interest: 54158	Jun 94	96.40	96.42	96.38	96.40	1593
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	118.81	118.93	118.65	118.81	33878
Previous open interest: 90979	Jun 94	119.06	119.15	119.04	119.05	304

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	600	63½	71½	80	9½	20	29½
(*649½)	650	30	41	51½	24	42	49½
Argyll	260	21¼	28½	33	11½	20½	24
(*267)	280	12	18½	24½	23	32	35
ASDA	60	7½	10½	12	4½	7	8
(*63½)	70	3½	5½	7½	10	12	14
Boots	550	34	48½	54½	15	28½	34
(*561½)	600	11½	22½	32	46	57	62½
Br Airways	460	41	51½	60½	14	22½	29½
(*484)	500	19	31½	40½	31½	44½	49½
BP	360	33	41½	47½	5½	15	19½
(*382)	390	14½	25½	32	22½	26½	34
Br Steel	140	13½	18½	22½	7	11	13½
(*145)	160	4½	9½	13½	19	23	25½
C & W	525	34½	52	—	18	30	—
(*536½)	550	22½	38	48	31	43	49
CU	650	51	67½	73½	12	21½	29
(*691½)	700	21½	38½	47	35	45½	53½
ICI	800	56½	56½	66	35½	51	60½
(*812)	850	19½	34½	45½	69	79½	91
Kingfishr	650	40½	53½	64	25½	36	49
(*658)	700	18	34	43	55	68½	77
Land Sec	750	44½	53½	60½	14	23	30½
(*772)	800	17	26½	35½	39½	56	53
M & S	420	31½	38	46	8	16	20
(*436)	460	11	19	26½	29½	37½	41
Nat West	550	48½	59½	66½	12½	19½	27
(*590)	600	22	32½	41½	37½	44½	52
Sainsbury	360	37½	45	52	11½	21½	26
(*381)	390	21	28	36½	25	38	41½
Shell	700	39	52	61	15½	24	32½
(*729)	750	12½	28½	35½	45½	51	59½
Smkl Bch	420	30	43½	52	21	31	37½
(*429)	460	13½	26½	35	44½	54½	61
Storehse	220	21	27	30½	6	11½	14
(*232)	240	9½	16	20½	16	21½	24
Trafalgar	106	15	23	—	4½	9	—
(*117)	115	11	18	—	9½	13½	—
Unilever	1200	62	80	105½	28	43	50½
(*1234½)	1250	33	56	76	55	67½	74½
Zeneca	750	60	74½	98	19	31½	44
(*795)	800	29	48	61½	44½	56½	68
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	31½	43½	52	5	13	19
(*484)	500	6	21	30	22½	31½	38½
Ladbroke	200	12	19	24½	5	16	21
(*205½)	220	2½	11	16	17½	28½	32
Utd Bisc	360	15½	25	30½	7½	19½	26
(*369)	390	4	11	17½	26	40½	45

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	1050	56½	74	94½	28	47	55½
(*1065)	1100	32	49½	68½	55½	72½	81
Thames W	550	58½	66½	71	7½	16	21
(*595½)	600	24½	35	41½	24	41½	45½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	500	28	39	49½	6	19½	31½
(*521)	550	5	16½	24½	32	51½	61
BTR	390	12	21½	29½	9	21	25
(*393)	420	2½	9½	17	29½	41½	44
Br Aero	500	79½	91	107½	4½	19	27
(*573)	550	39	63	78½	17	40	47½
Br Telcm	460	21½	33	41½	3½	9½	18
(*476)	500	3½	12½	21	26½	31	39
Cadbury	473	30½	39½	—	3	15½	—
(*518)	542	3½	12	—	28	44½	—
Guinness	500	42	53	63	4	17	25½
(*535)	550	10½	24½	34½	25	43½	51½
GEC	330	17½	26½	31½	3	8	15
(*343)	360	2½	11	15½	20	24	32
Hanson	280	18	22½	26½	1½	7	11
(*296)	300	5	11	16½	8½	16	20½
LASMO	130	9½	16½	23½	6	13½	19½
(*133)	140	4	12	19½	12½	19½	24½
Lucas	220	16	25½	29½	3½	10½	15
(*231½)	240	5	13	19	13½	21½	25½
Pilkngtn	180	13½	20½	25½	3½	9½	15½
(*190)	200	3	9½	15½	14	20½	26
Prudential	300	17½	23½	29½	4	15	19½
(*315)	330	3½	9	15	22	34	37½
Redland	600	34	47½	56	6	26½	35½
(*627)	650	9	22	33	31½	55½	63½
Royal Ins	340	12	—	—	10½	—	—
(*346)	375	2½	—	—	31½	—	—
Tesco	220	9½	17	22½	6½	15½	17½
(*224)	240	3	8	14	19½	27	30
Vodafone	600	25	45	65	10½	28½	44½
(*611)	650	6½	20	43	44	57½	71½
Williams	390	13½	25	30	7	19½	25
(*395)	420	2½	10½	17½	28	39½	43½

FT-SE INDEX (*3517½)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Feb	141	100	62	35	17	8
Mar	158	122	91	64	43	29
Apr	179	142	113	86	66	47
May	199	166	137	110	89	69
Jun	217	—	155	—	107	—
Puts						
Feb	8	15	30	55	90	135
Mar	29	43	62	85	115	151
Apr	48	62	82	106	134	167
May	64	80	100	125	154	185
Jun	77	—	114	—	105	—

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	500	24	32½	43	17½	24½	33
(*510)	550	5	13	22½	53	57½	63
Amstrad	45	7	9	12	2½	4½	6
(*49)	50	4	6½	9	5	7	8½
Barclays	600	41	52	65	16	27½	33½
(*627½)	650	14	27½	40½	43	50	59½
Blue Circ	360	23½	31	39½	13	25½	33½
(*368½)	390	9	18½	27	30½	43½	51
Br Gas	330	31	36½	39½	3½	9	13
(*355)	360	10	17½	24	13½	24½	28
Dixons	200	21½	33	35	5	9½	16½
(*214)	220	11	19	24½	14	19	26½
Forte	260	17	23	30½	8	17	21½
(*266)	280	7½	14	21½	19	29	33
Hillsdwn	160	23½	25½	29	2	6½	8½
(*179)	180	9½	13	18	8½	17	19
Lonrho	160	19	27	33	7½	13	18½
(*169½)	180	9	17	24	17½	24½	30
Sears	120	11	13½	15	3	6	8
(*125½)	130	6	8½	10½	8	12	13½
Thrn EMI	1100	47½	75½	93	27½	39½	62
(*1115½)	1150	23½	50	67	55½	66	90
Tomkins	260	16	24½	29½	7½	12	19
(*267)	280	7	14½	19½	18½	23½	30
TSB	280	10	20½	27½	13½	19	25
(*292)	300	5½	13	19	27½	32	36½
Wellcome	650	43½	62½	83	23	42	54
(*664½)	700	21	39½	59	52	70½	82
Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	49½	71½	84	31	47½	61½
(*669)	700	26	48½	61½	60½	74½	90½
HSBC	1000	80	113	142½	46½	70½	94½
(*1040)	1050	54½	89½	117½	72½	95½	119½
Reuter	1950	103½	150½	190½	82	114	137½
(*1968)	2000	77	124	164½	109	138½	162
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	176	13½	—	—	3	—	—
(*185)	195	3½	—	—	13½	—	—
Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	130	10½	22½	28	7	12½	17½
(*138½)	140	11	17½	24	12	18	23
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	700	30	51½	65	7½	19½	33
(*721)	750	7½	26½	38½	35	44½	59½
Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	38	49½	59	10½	18½	29½
(*484½)	500	16½	28½	39½	28	39½	51
Scot Pwr	460	27	40	50	10½	18½	29
(*471½)	500	9	22	31	33	40½	50½

February 2, 1994 Tot: 55225 Call: 32427 Put: 22795 FT-SE Call: 10493 Put: 5687
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The Brazilian government's decision to transfer the responsibility for the ACPC coffee retention scheme to the private sector had little effect on LCE coffee. This was because they had not been very successful in implementing it from the start, and because the news had been flagged some days earlier. The question now is how will the private sector fund the 20% retention programme?

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	854-853	Mar	937-936
May	863-862	Jul	948-945
Jul	876-874	Sep	959-955
Sep	893-892	Dec	972-965
Dec	913-912		
Mar	927-926	Volume:	6133

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1152-1149	Nov	1150-1145
May	1162-1160	Jan	1150-1145
Jul	1151-1150	Mar	1150-1145
Sep	1150-1149	Volume:	3756

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

Spot 237.80		Oct	11.00-11.15
		Jan	10.80-11.35
Mar	10.63-10.71	Mar	10.80-11.25
May	11.10-11.23	May	10.75-11.35
Jul	11.40-11.53	Volume:	55

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	284.5-84.0
Spot 295.0		Dec	283.5-82.0
Mar	295.9-95.0	Mar	284.0-82.5
May	295.5-95.0	May	286.0-87.0
Aug	298.0-97.5	Volume:	3679

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	65.96	107.85	121.47
(+/-)	-0.62	-6.13	+0.73
Eng/Wales	65.98	109.35	122.01
(+/-)	-0.61	-6.13	+0.62
(%)	+6.6	-0.6	-8.1
Scotland	62.48	106.53	123.29
(+/-)	-2.51	-6.04	+1.00
(%)	+50.0	-7.9	-20.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	Mar	unq	-
Sep	unq	-		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	98.45
May	99.40
Jun	99.75
Sep	89.75
Nov	90.85
Volume:	486

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	101.10
May	102.35
Sep	92.40
Nov	94.40
Jan	96.40
Volume:	46

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	165.0
Apr	107.0	106.3
May	126.5	125.4
	Volume:	136

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 62.75-63.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A huge drawdown in US distillate stocks resulted in gas oil surging higher, pulling the energy complex with it.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.50	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Feb)	15.40	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Mar)	14.80	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	16.05	+0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	16.00	+0.50

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid:	Offer:
Premium Gas .15	153 (+3)	155 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	149 (+5)	150 (+5)
Non EEC 1H Mar	152 (+5)	154 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Apr	150 (+3)	152 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (+1)	71 (+1)
Naphtha	136 (+2)	139 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	149.25-49.50	May	146.75-47.00
Mar	150.00-50.25	Jun	146.75-47.00
Apr	148.25-48.50	Jul	148.25-48.75
		Vol:	22747

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	14.80-14.81	Jun	14.76 BID
Apr	14.63-14.64	Jul	14.90 SLR
May	14.63 BID	Vol:	37118

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	148.00-49.50	May	154.00-60.00
Mar	148.00-48.50	Jun	163.00 SLR
Apr	152.00-57.00	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High:	Low:	Close:
Feb 94	1175	1165	1165
Mar 94	1200	1185	1185
Apr 94	1230	1220	1220
Jul 94	1102	1090	1090

Vol: 174 lots Open int'st: 2143 Index 1193 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash:	3mth:	Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1905.0-1906.0	1929.5-1930.0	1569650
Lead ($/tonne)	510.00-510.50	522.00-522.50	158825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1003.5-1004.0	1024.0-1025.0	475225
Tin ($/tonne)	5345.0-5355.0	5395.0-5405.0	33395
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1248.0-1248.5	1266.5-1267.0	1536425
Nickel ($/tonne)	5902.0-5905.0	5965.0-5968.0	12940

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 82.0 (day's range 81.9-82.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8986-2.9132	2.9027-2.9063	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅛ds
Brussels	53.50-53.71	53.55-53.65	4-8ds	14-18ds
Copenhagen	10.0580-10.0910	10.0620-10.0770	⅜-1⅜ds	1½-3¼ds
Dublin	1.0405-1.0440	1.0407-1.0436	4-7ds	15-20ds
Frankfurt	2.5900-2.5993	2.5900-2.5933	⅛-¼ds	¼-⅜ds
Lisbon	259.70-261.55	260.74-261.37	99-108ds	308-326ds
Madrid	210.09-211.42	210.16-210.46	54-63ds	167-181ds
Milan	2523.30-2534.20	2527.20-2531.20	5-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9801-1.9965	1.9854-1.9883	0.29-0.24pr	0.60-0.53pr
New York	1.4955-1.5010	1.4955-1.4965	0.26-0.25pr	0.77-0.74pr
Oslo	11.1250-11.1750	11.1400-11.1560	¾pr-¾ds	1¼-¼pr
Paris	8.7840-8.8280	8.7940-8.8080	⅜-⅞ds	1⅞-2⅛ds
Stockholm	11.8120-11.8740	11.8330-11.8570	1⅝-2⅝ds	5⅛-6⅜ds
Tokyo	161.16-162.49	161.39-161.66	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.15-18.29	18.23-18.26	¼-¾ds	¾-1ds
Zurich	2.1683-2.1754	2.1692-2.1722	¼-⅛pr	¾-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4908-1.4934
Australia dollar	2.0890-2.0911
Bahrain dinar	0.5595-0.5715
Brazil cruzeiro*	697.95-699.62
Cyprus pound	0.768-0.778
Finland marka	8.1995-8.3155
Greece drachma	370.75-377.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.5312-11.5404
India rupee	46.63-47.59
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4415-0.4515
Malaysia ringgit	4.1362-4.1390
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6092-2.6142
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5645-5.6905
Singapore dollar	2.3671-2.3702
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5780-6.6273
S Africa rand (com)	5.1039-5.1119
U A E dirham	5.448-5.572

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3989-1.3999
Austria	12.189-12.194
Belgium (Com)	35.825-35.845
Canada	1.3265-1.3270
Denmark	6.7370-6.7420
France	5.8892-5.8922
Germany	1.7350-1.7357
Hong Kong	7.7235-7.7245
Ireland	1.4347-1.4357
Italy	1692.0-1693.0
Japan	108.12-108.17
Malaysia	2.7700-2.7710
Netherlands	1.9444-1.9449
Norway	7.4555-7.4585
Portugal	174.60-174.80
Singapore	1.5860-1.5870
Spain	140.55-140.65
Sweden	7.9225-7.9325
Switzerland	1.4535-1.4545

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅜
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 5/16; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth 4 15/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5 7/32	5¼-4 15/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 13/32-5 11/32	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5⅜
Interbank:	5 13/32-5 11/32	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5⅜

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5½	n/a	5 5/16	5¼	5⅜
Sterling CDs:	5⅜-5 5/16	5 5/16-5¼	5 5/16-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.04	n/a	3.26-3.23	3.40-3.36	3.73-3.71
Building Society CDs:	5 5/16-5 5/16	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994. Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2 15/16	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5 15/16	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3 15/16	3⅝-3⅛	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅜

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.10-385.50 Close: $384.20-384.70 High: $386.40-386.90 Low: $384.20-384.70 Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£256.00-258.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50) New $90.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50)
Platinum: $391.50 (£261.85) Silver: $5.30 (£3.545) Palladium: $126.75 (£84.80)

Tokyo's tax cuts are aimed at appeasing America ☐ Controversy continues at Queens Moat ☐ Give shareholders more free cars

Japan's short-term fix

☐ GERD HALLER, Germany's finance minister, had a bit of a problem at the World Economic Forum in Davos last week. Unlike Kenneth Clarke, his more nakedly pragamatic British colleague, Herr Haller felt it somewhat hypocritical to urge Japan to raise its budget deficit to boost its economy when every other country was being told to cut its deficit. He went ahead anyway. Japan's ramshackle government had the same qualms. Having admitted that the long-awaited recovery was still not visible on the horizon, its members are desperate to stimulate an economy still held down by the debris from an exploded financial boom — but most reckoned they ought to say how they were going to pay for it later.

Morohiro Hosokawa, a master of compromise, has managed to persuade sceptical colleagues to push ahead with a £32 billion income tax cut, to be made good in three years time by doubling the hated sales tax, sorry, "national welfare tax". But will this have much quick effect beyond the financial markets? Tax cuts are discounted. There have been plenty of spending packages already, along with cheaper money than anything in Europe.

Japan's economy will probably just recover slowly of its own accord, as in Britain or in the early stages of America's upturn. The higher priority is to appease America. Mr Hosokawa is to meet President Clinton on February 11 supposedly to set the seal on yet another structured programme to slash Japan's $50 billion trade surplus with the US. At the moment, his government is playing host in "entremely tense" talks, to Mickey Kantor, the trade representative who was so savagely mauled by France in the Gatt talks that he is determined to kick the Japanese cat. Having gained a delay on rice imports, Mr Hosokawa can hardly guarantee to cut the private sector trade surplus without imposing a Stalinist regime when he is supposed to be de-regulating. But it would be bad form for Mr Clinton to start a bilateral trade war just before the Uruguay round is signed in April. So Mr Hosokawa hopes a package to stimulate demand might do.

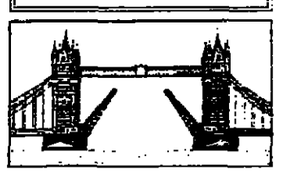
In reality, Japan's trade surplus will only fall dramatically when the world prices of oil and other imported commodities recover, and even then there would still be a big bilateral surplus with America. America has now twigged that boosting the yen further to cut exports pushes the economy deeper into the mire.

Japan knows, as America is finding out, that you cannot get out of long-term stagnation by cheap money and tax cuts. Japan's economy lost momentum because it integrated, perhaps inevitably, into the world financial system. It needs new products, technical developments and a boost from deregulation to regain momentum. But this time, those new developments had better not be concentrated in the manufactured export sectors. Ideas on a postcard to Tokyo please.

The Queens Moat Approach

☐ PEN KENT, one of the Bank of England's executive directors, recently made an interesting speech on the subject of lessons learned from "the London Approach": the framework under which banks and other parties are expected to co-operate in the delicate matter of how to decide the fate of stricken companies.

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Kent observed: "A weakness of refinancing a company involving just its banks is that they are generally protecting their own positions at the expense of other creditors and shareholders." Our man at the Bank pointed to two popular accusations:

■ The business is being milked for fees, not nursed back to health; and

■ Bankers act in their own interest without regard for other stakeholders.

Perhaps mere coincidence but, a matter of days later, Queens Moat's negotiations with the steering committee, representing some 65 creditor banks, over the extension of its £1.3 billion debt standstill accord, which expired last Monday, have clearly proved anything but smooth going. A six line statement finally trickled over the tapes yesterday to the effect that the steering committee, led by Barclays, has "recommended" a two month continuation. This is a month less than many observers anticipated and creditor banks have yet to officially fall in line, with support believed to be far from unanimous. Arm twisting has given way to full nelsons. Hardly surprising, however, that the creditor banks are not putting the steering committee, led by Barclays, or Queens Moat's new found management, led by chief executive Andrew Coppel, on their respective heads.

As *The Times* has consistently argued, the darkest hole in the Queens Moat affair (excluding the disappearing property base) would appear to relate to the £32 million set aside for fees not only to Queens Moat's advisers (embracing Morgan Grenfell, Coopers & Lybrand, Jones Lang Wootton, Pannell Kerr Forster, Allen & Overy and Freshfields) but also SG Warburg and Grant Thornton, advisers to the banks. This aspect of a workout is known as "the City of London Approach". Success fees, payable to certain banks, are another bone of contention as are the bonus stuffed contracts awarded to Coppel and his colleagues Andrew Le Poidevan and Michael Cairns. Nor are the banks impressed with news that the proceedings at last August's AGM and the reconvened meeting in November may be invalidated in view of a legal oversight in respect of preference shareholders.

Roll up, roll up for the stock market

☐ NONE of this flogging the family silver at Fiat. Faced with a £700 million loss, Italy's motor manufacturer is raising a £400 million bond issue with a difference. Two hundred bondholders who strike lucky in a prize draw will win a new Fiat car. This, it seems, is not the first time Italians have appealed to investors' sporting instincts. State companies once offered the chance of Alfa Romeos (then made by another state company) to those prepared to lend them money. If British companies treated their shareholders as *human beings, they might* be doing even more. This is, after all, the home of the premium bond, long the mainstay of National Savings, which puts all the interest into a prize draw.

Shareholder perks are fading away, when they should be spreading to attract new-generation small investors to venture beyond privatised stocks. Mind you, a shiny car is rather a special prize and, now that the faceless men of British Aerospace have cashed in Rover, there are no British mass manufacturers to ape Fiat. But how about Vickers offering one Rolls-Royce each year to a lucky private shareholder. Motor dealers could have a go, along with housebuilders. More modestly, airlines could offer free flights, stores a free shopping trip and many another consumer company has goods for a lucky dip, perhaps drawn from voting cards at the annual meeting.

Sadly, that would make the serious, ice-cool business of investment and financing sound like fun. And we can't have that, can we? Indeed, the millions of people who gamble on racing, football and, it is hoped, the lottery could not possibly be the same millions of people who invest on the stock market.

Job losses certain in Bridon package

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

BRIDON, the wire rope maker, has given warning of a provision of between £20 million and £25 million against 1993 results, to cover its latest restructuring programme.

The latest management plan to grapple with tough *market conditions* — codenamed Project 360 — was initiated by Ronald Petersen, the chief executive, who was brought into Bridon last August. The plan will inevitably mean job losses.

The group, which is based in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, currently employs 4,500 worldwide. However, Bridon said it had not finalised the number of jobs that might be under threat, but will give more details when the 1993 results are published on March 24.

What job losses there might be would not be confined soley to Britain, Mr Petersen, who was born in America, said.

The group expects to pay an unchanged total dividend of 4p a share for its 1993 financial year, and, when the balance sheet is published, net borrowings are expected to have fallen

Mr Petersen said that the project's code name refected management's strategy of examining and considering all aspects of business from all angles.

Bridon operates in 20 countries, with 76 service centres, and serves a wide-ranging wire rope market. The group has recently won several new orders, but the dearth in world-wide construction activity has adversely impacted on group margins.

The group is likely to have broadly broken even in the second half of 1993.

Mr Petersen said that the planned extensive restructuring should "very probably clear the decks" and, if so, would not need be repeated.

The workforce, which stood at 5,400 at the beginning of 1991, since when the group has made various acquisitions, has previously been trimmed under former management teams.

Bridon shares rose 4p to 160p.

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Paramount warns of loss as bid chaos threatens

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE $10 billion takeover battle for Paramount Communications dissolved into chaos yesterday as Wall Street analysts speculated bidding rules would need to be re-written to break the deadlock and the Hollywood studio announced it would end its first quarter in the red.

Paramount shares fell $1.75 to $78.125 in early trading despite revised bids from the two rival cable television industry bidders which valued the film, television, and publishing giant at about $84 a share. QVC Network's new bid is valued at $85.50 per Paramount share and Viacom's at $83.50.

The terms are now so close that there are fears of a stalemate and a feeling that the bidding rules need re-writing. One suggestion is that the bidder with the most acceptances for its tender offer on February 14 be declared the winner, whether or not it has 50.1 per cent of the company.

But there is some scepticism that St Valentine's Day will be the final cut off for the five-month battle. Each side is thought to have just one more bid up its sleeve.

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, any fresh bid would have to be left open for ten business days which would take the deadline beyond Monday week. Paramount directors could not reject a higher offer without risking legal action from shareholders.

The Paramount board is due to meet tomorrow to consider the new offers. It has already changed sides twice, beginning by supporting Viacom, then changing to QVC and later returning to Viacom.

But whatever the board says, observers believe the battle will be settled by 100 or so arbitrageurs who hold the key to a majority of the shares and are influenced only by money. They say that despite QVC's higher overall offer, it lacks the insurance policy which Viacom has written into the share element of its bid, limiting the fall in its shares.

As Wall Street sees the arguments, QVC is offering less cash at $104 a share and no share price guarantee, but the prospect of higher rewards from management changes in the long term and a stronger balance sheet. Viacom is offering more cash at $107 for each Paramount share, a floor under its share price, but it is not perceived as the management which could get the most out of Paramount.

Meanwhile, Paramount says it will lose between $35 million and $40 million in the three months which ended on January 31, blaming poor performances by some television programming and disappointing box office takings from its summer films, mainly the *Addams Family Values*. The studio was $66.8 million in the red for the same period a year earlier, but that was due to a $66.9 million special charge for an accountancy changes.

Elsewhere, Blockbuster Entertainment, the world's largest video rental store with music and film interests which is merging with Viacom, reported a record $243 million net profit for last year, up 64 per cent on almost doubled turnover of $2.22 billion.



Paramount studios where the bid battle may reach its dénoument on St Valentine's Day

France sets Elf privatisation price at Fr385

FROM AFP IN PARIS

THE sale of shares in Elf Aquitaine, the French state-owned oil group, will get under way today priced at Fr385, Edmond Alphandery, the economics minister, announced yesterday.

The minister said that 33.2 million shares would be on sale to private investors until next Thursday, with 27.17 million available to French and foreign institutional investors.

The privatisation is expected to put about Fr33 billion into state coffers. Elf Aquitaine stock closed on the Paris Bourse yesterday at Fr430.7.

Shares can be paid for in cash, or with bonds from a French government issue known as "Balladur bonds", the value of which is set at Fr106.4 each, including the accrued coupon, for purposes of paying for Elf Aquitaine shares.

M Alphandery said that the institutional tranche could be cut by up to 20 per cent if demand by individuals is very high. The shares will also be sold in America and Japan. In addition, 6.7 million shares will be reserved for present and former Elf Aquitaine employees.

Finally, 22 million shares, 8.5 per cent of the group's capital, will go to a group of "stable shareholders" to provide some continuity in the capital structure.

The Privatisation Commission has set Elf Aquitaine's value at no less than Fr97 billion. The state will reduce its stake to between 13 and 13.9 per cent of the capital after privatisation, against the present 50.8 per cent.

The economics ministry said that the stable shareholders are to be AXA, BNP, Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole, Compagnie Nationale a Portefeuille (Albert Frere, Belgium), Compagnie Financière de Paribas, SOFEX (Renault), Société Générale de Belgique (Suez), UAP insurance group, and Union Bank of Switzerland.

☐ Bull, the French government-owned computer group, said that preliminary figures for 1993 show a loss, before restructuring charges, of Fr3.42 billion.

In 1992, the group reported a loss, before provisions, of Fr2.27 billion, and, when charges totalling Fr2.45 billion were added, the group's total net loss was Fr4.72 billion for that year.

Coopers & Lybrand to be Sainsbury's auditor

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

J SAINSBURY, Britain's biggest supermarket group, is to appoint Coopers & Lybrand as its auditor after dropping Clark Whitehill, which has been auditor since 1901.

The proposal comes five days after the group warned that profits this year would be lower than market expectations and announced a £365 million write-off following the adoption of more conservative accounting policies of its store portfolio.

Shareholders will be asked to approve the appointment of Coopers & Lybrand as joint auditor with Clark Whitehill for the year to March 11, 1995 and as sole auditor thereafter at the group's annual meeting in July.

Sainsbury said it wanted an auditor with international experience and other major multinational clients given the growth of its business overseas. Coopers & Lybrand will be able to carry out the audit of Shaw's, Sainsbury's US subsidiary, which Clark Whitehill has been unable to do.

However, analysts believe the decision was prompted by recent events which have seen Sainsbury forced to follow the lead set by Argyll and Tesco, its major competitors, in changing accounting policies to dispel growing City criticism. One food retailing analyst said: "Sainsbury have been in some disarray. They have been reactive rather than proactive in the direction of their accounting policies. They probably feel a firm like Coopers is more in tune with the issues and more sensitive to what investors are looking for than a middle-ranking firm which is good at totting up numbers."

Clark Whitehill will continue to audit Sainsbury's pension funds and advise on corporate and personal tax.

Lasmo finds finance chief and more oil

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

LASMO'S three-month search for a new finance director is over. The oil group yesterday appointed Richard Smernoff, aged 52, who has worked in the oil and gas industry for 13 years. He replaces Michael Pavia, who resigned late last year.

Mr Smernoff was on a one-year assignment with Lasmo in 1992. The group said that his appointment would be of great benefit.

The departure of Mr Pavia was one of several changes to occur at Lasmo after a review of the company's strategy and management that followed institutional concern at disappointing performance by the oil group.

Lasmo also cheered the stock market with news of a second oil discovery in Algeria. It is in the Ghadames Basin, in the Sahara desert, south of Algiers. Lasmo has a 25 per cent working interest in the block, where Anadarko Algeria Corporation is the operator.

The group said that drilling on two other exploration wells will start shortly.

A year ago, Lasmo announced its first discovery of oil and gas in Algeria.

Lasmo shares rose 5p to 133p.

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Warburg named top for research

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

A POLL of Britain's 500 biggest publicly quoted companies has named Warburg as the best broker for analytical research for the third year running.

The 10th Annual Broker Survey also shows that far more business executives expressed confidence for the economy this year than last year.

Warburg, which also retained its position as most respected merchant bank for the sixth consecutive year, was followed in the research rankings by James Capel, with Kleinwort in third place. The rankings were based on a total of individual analysts' scores across 22 industrial sectors.

The survey, which represents corporate United Kingdom's views of the Square Mile research community, showed that the most notable change in the broking league table was UBS's three-place jump to fourth overall. They are followed by NatWest Securities in fifth, BZW sixth, Smith New Court seventh, Hoare Govett eighth, and Henderson Crosthwaite in ninth place. Credit Lyonnais Laing replace Goldman Sachs in the tenth slot.

On an individual basis, David Lang, of Henderson Crosthwaite, remains top food manufacturing analyst for the eighth year running. Dr Charles Lambert, at Smith New Court, is rated top chemicals specialist for the fifth consecutive year, while James Culverwell, at Hoare Govett, leads the health and household sector for the fourth year running.

The survey, by Consensus Research International, also says 57 per cent of the business executives were confident about UK industry in 1994 — nearly three times the level expressing confidence last year.

The analysis was based on a 46 per cent response rate to 500 questionnaires sent out to the largest publicly quoted UK companies based on stock

Fyffes thrives despite problems caused by new banana regime

■ **Cost-cutting at Fyffes has helped offset the impact of volatile banana prices and the company has Ir£92.4 million in cash for acquisitions as the market deregulates**

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE weak price of bananas and disruption caused by the new EC regime failed to hold back progress at Fyffes, the Irish-based banana distributor, which reported an 11 per cent increase in profits.

Pre-tax profits rose to Ir£31.8 million (£30.9 million), from Ir£28.5 million, for the year to October 31 on turnover 17 per cent higher at Ir£611.4 million (Ir£524.3 million), slightly ahead of analysts' expectations. The final dividend rises from Ir0.8978p to Ir0.9876p, making the year's total Ir1.378p (Ir1.2527p).

Fyffes said that its results were achieved against a backdrop of erratic movements in volume and prices after the transition to the new EC banana regime, which came into force last July. However, the company feels that it is "well-positioned" to benefit under the new arrangements, being an importer from Latin America as well as from the traditional African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Analysts believe that the company will gain market share from other "dollar" banana players, such as Chiquita and Dole.

Weakness in produce prices was partly countered by cost-cutting. Further efficiencies will be gained in the current year when the company's new 70,000 sq ft distribution centre in Dublin opens.

Fyffes, criticised for not using its significant funds to expand aggressively by acquisitions, retains net cash of Ir£92.4 million. However, it took a 50 per cent stake in Lembcke, the largest importer of fresh produce in Denmark, and acquired a half share of EurobananCanarias, which distributes Canary Islands bananas in Spain and the rest of Europe. It will continue to seek bolt-on acquisitions and joint ventures on the Continent.

Trading is "healthy" after a firming of prices in Europe in the past month and the company says that it is confident about its prospects this year.

Fyffes' results were well-received by analysts. Liam Igoe, of Goodbody, said: "It was pleasing to see such a strong rise in operating profits. The outlook for the company has improved a fair bit, particularly now that prices are sharply up." The shares rose 5p, to 105p.

Fyffes' performance contrasts with that of Geest, its competitor, which has said that black sigatoka disease in Costa Rica will bring a 1993 loss.



John Ellis, left, a Fyffes director, and David McCann, managing director, in Dublin

Australia launches million dollar weekly lottery

FROM JON ASHWORTH IN MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA is to have a national lottery. Oz Lotto, with a jackpot of up to A$20 million (£9.5 million), sprang to life in a whirl of numbered ping pong balls at a glittering ceremony here yesterday. The inaugural draw takes place on network television on February 22.

Oz Lotto is driven by Tattersalls, the lottery operator that has teamed up with N M Rothschild to bid for the UK national lottery licence. Yesterday's event, which comes less than two weeks before the deadline for bids to run the UK national lottery, could be interpreted as a flagwaving exercise by Tattersalls, a household name in Australia but little known in Britain.

Peter Gillooly, general manager of Tattersalls, arrives in London tomorrow to oversee the final stages of the UK bid. Peter Davis, director-general of the UK national lottery, is due to publish the final list of runners and riders on February 14. A decision on who has been awarded the licence is due in July.

Oz Lotto will be played through 4,000 retail outlets — in sharp contrast to the UK, where a network of 15,000-30,000 retailers selling lottery tickets is expected to develop.

The minimum weekly Oz Lotto prize will be A$1 million, rolling up to as much as A$20 million if the prize is not won over several weeks. The hype surrounding the launch provides a hint of what Britons can expect when the national lottery goes live, probably in February 1995. Slogans like "Another day — another million dollars" flow thick and fast. Some 13 tons of dollar coins — A$1 million — were trucked in under tight security for yesterday's ceremony.

About two million people in Tattersalls home state of Victoria — half the adult population — have a punt on the weekly Saturday night draw.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Banesto directors to face formal enquiry

THE Bank of Spain is to open a formal investigation into possible management infractions by the former directors of Banesto, who were dismissed five weeks ago because of the bank's huge financial shortfall. The Bank of Spain must complete the investigation and hand down a resolution within 18 months, as stipulated by Spanish law.

The country's banking discipline law stipulates that executives found guilty of "very serious infractions" may be fined a maximum of 10 million pesetas (nearly £50,000). The finance ministry can also suspend a person from his post for up to three years, from executive duties in the bank for up to five years, or from any administrative or management posts in a Spanish bank for up to 10 years. The Bank of Spain initially put Banesto's shortfall at 500 billion pesetas, but the bank's new management team, headed by Alfredo Saenz, the chairman of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, later found the shortfall to be 605 billion pesetas (£2.87 billion).

Renault cuts Volvo stake

RENAULT, the French car manufacturer, has sold more than half of the stake in Volvo, acquired as part of an unsuccessful plan to merge the two companies. Renault, controlled by the French state but due to be privatised this year, sold a 4.82 per cent stake in Volvo, reducing its holding to 3.45 per cent. Financial sources in Paris estimated that Renault had made a capital gain of about Fr750 million. After the disposal, Renault's voting rights in Volvo were reduced to 8.76 per cent from 10 per cent.

Porter Chadburn gloom

A DELAY in the recovery of Porter Chadburn's American division is taking its toll on the packaging group. The company yesterday issued a gloomy trading statement and named Tony Philipson as new chief executive. Porter Chadburn lost £3.62 million in its 1993 trading year. Mr Philipson was previously at Savage, the engineering group, before it was taken over by McKechnie. He replaces Ray Dinkin who is thought to have left over policy disagreements. In 1993, Porter sold its Gola sportswear business at a big loss.

Electrolux soars

ELECTROLUX, the world's largest producer of household appliances, said profits jumped sharply in the fourth quarter of 1993, helping the Swedish company's full-year earnings to rise by 53 per cent. In the fourth quarter, profit after net financial items rose to SKr589 million (£49.9 million), against SKr280 million in the final three months of 1992. Electrolux expects its planned acquisition of the Hausgeraete unit of Germany's AEG to be completed by April.

Bucknall passes payout

THE interim dividend has again been passed at Bucknall Group, the construction consultant, although half-time losses have been cut and prospects are "better than they have been for some time," Richard Miles, the chairman, said. The cost base had been reduced by 18 per cent, he said, and the group was exiting the recession with a broader service base. In the six months to October 31, Bucknall cut pre-tax losses to £226,000 from £745,000. Losses per share were 2.2p (LPS 5.7p).

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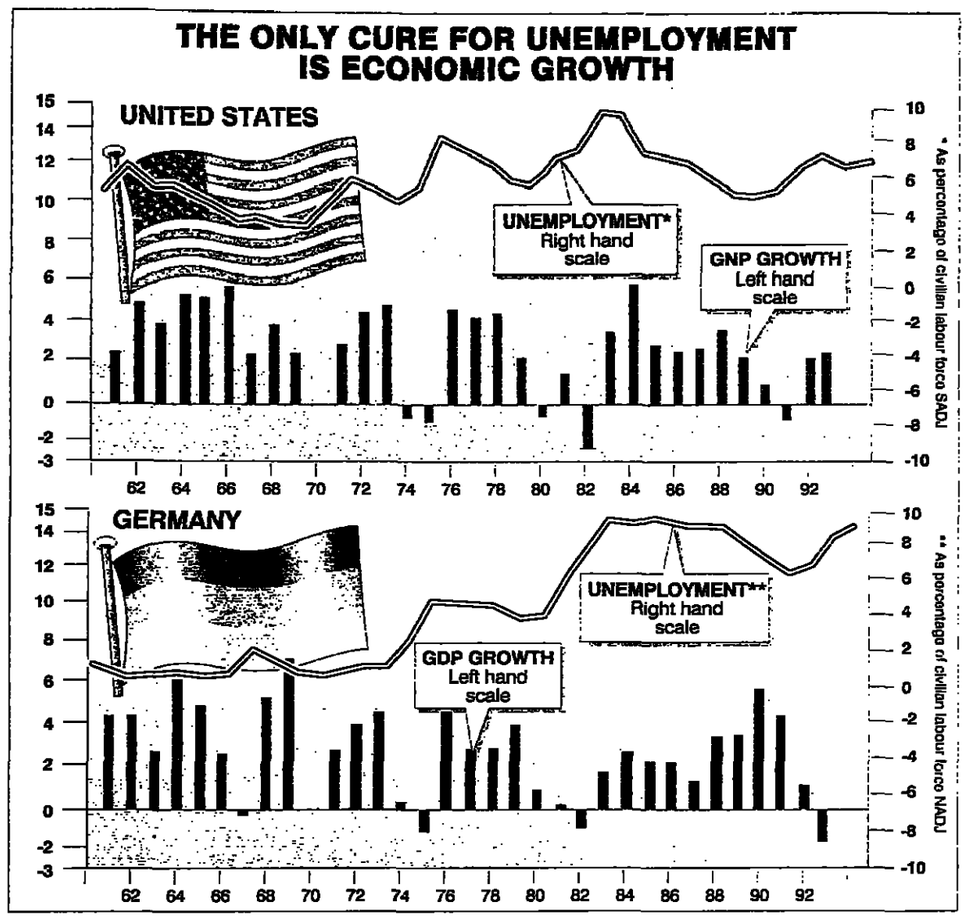
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Clarke gets it right in the US v Europe growth debate

Anatole Kaletsky found a great divergence of views at the World Economic Forum in Davos



The World Economic Forum in Davos fully lived up to its name last weekend, providing a marketplace for economic ideas in a variety and quality which I had never witnessed before in one place. The last few Davos meetings had been somewhat disappointing, despite attracting their usual star-studded cast of presidents, finance ministers and central bankers, not to mention company chairman, financiers and academics, from all over the world. Inevitably, as the Berlin Wall crumbled, and then the Soviet Union itself fell apart, those meetings were dominated by unanswerable — and essentially political — questions about the transformation of Russia and eastern Europe. These subjects tend to get smothered in platitudes and mushy consensus, rather than provoking debate and new ideas.

This year, the dominant themes were more concrete and therefore more productive and more controversial. Can governments restore and maintain full employment? Can workers in Europe, America and Japan enjoy ever-rising living standards, when a billion new competitors are entering the international economy for the first time? And can businesses in the industrialised countries go on making profits when they face Third World competitors equipped with advanced technology paying a fraction of their labour costs?

My answer to all of these questions has long been a sanguine "yes". It was encouraging to see in Davos that many politicians and economists, especially from America and Japan, were equally optimistic. It was also reassuring to find that large numbers of pessimists disagreed very strongly — for experience shows that any view that is held unanimously by the international establishment is either devoid of meaning or likely to prove wrong. In fact, the main impression from the Davos meeting was how quickly the consensus of the late 1980s has broken up.

The most important debate is about the role of macroeconomics. Worrying questions about trade, budget deficits, business finances and low-cost foreign competition will all be easier to answer in a country near full employment than in one where factories are idle and millions of workers jobless. But can governments create jobs quickly by boosting demand, or do the unemployed have to wait for changes in labour markets and industrial structures which may take years? On this question *the disagreement* between American and Japanese policymakers on the one hand, and Europeans on the other, now seems almost total.

Consider the debate at Davos between Larry Summers, the American Treasury Under-Secretary, and Hans Tietmeyer, the President of the Bundesbank. For Mr Summers, the European idea that growth becomes more "labour intensive" by lowering wages was bizarre — demanding that industry should be more labour intensive was equivalent to calling for lower productivity growth. According to Mr Summers, US and European workers could continue to receive steadily higher wages, provided they had the skills and capital equipment to generate ever-more value added per hour. Before they talked of reducing industrial effiency and discouraging productivity-enhancing investment, European governments should eliminate cyclical unemployment by boosting demand. To this Herr Tietmeyer replied, in effect, that *all* unemployment was "structural", at least in Europe.

If this was a dialogue of the deaf, the panel discussion between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Edmond Alphandéry, the French Economics Minister, Roger Altman, the US Deputy Treasury Secretary, and senior officials from Germany and Japan was *even more bizarre. The Europeans and* Americans seemed to be living on different planets.

For Mr Altman, the most urgent objective was quite clear: "to create high-quality, high-paying, high-productivity jobs, the most important thing is to get the macroeconmics right". The Japanese have now also emphatically endorsed this approach, as evidenced by the lengths to which their government is (belatedly) going to stimulate the economy through enor*mous public works programmes and* tax cuts. But Gerd Haller, the German State Secretary for Finance, could not disagree more. For him the central issue of economic policy was "not so much the problem of getting growth or how fast growth comes, but how fast growth feeds through into employment; we have to do quite a lot still to make growth more employment-intensive in Europe". The Germans at least have the virtue of intellectual consistency, refusing to call for any demand expansion anywhere in the world — even in Japan. "I am extremely reluctant to call on other countries to increase heir fiscal deficits — I always deny that I would recommend a higher deficit in Japan," said Herr Haller. The position of France was much stranger. The French seemed more than willing to join in American demands for Japan to stimulate its economy through lower interest rates and tax cuts — but they insisted that in Europe demand management could not work. The French seem to believe almost literally that they live on another planet from the Americans and Japanese. As shown in their attitude to the European exchange-rate mecahnism and the Gatt trade talks, the French feel their country is simply not subject to what they deride as "Anglo Saxon" economics.

Deep down, even the Germans probably realise cutting unemployment will require a period of above-trend "unsustainable" growth, as in the late 1980s. But before unemployment falls, the Bundesbank is determined to change German workers' wage expectations and undo some of the inflationary damage created by unification. Neither of these arguments for deflation applies in France — which is why *French rhetoric sounds either irrational* or extra-terrestrial.

And what about Britain's view? Away from the slapstick atmosphere of British politics, Kenneth Clarke was confident as usual, but also uncharacteristically pensive. Britain, he pointed out, was already enjoying strong domestic demand and low interest rates. It could therefore afford to support its European partners in resisting reflation in Europe; but it could also side with America in calling for growth in Japan. But Mr Clarke had more to contribute to the debate on economic policy and unemployment than simple refrain of "do as I say, not as I do".

In fact, according to participants who attended the closed-door talks among government ministers and central bankers, Mr Clarke's contribution was remarkably clear and constructive. Speaking in public, he had two main insights to straddle the gulf between Americans and Europeans.

First, he pointed out, the real debate was not about whether there ought to be structural change or economic growth — everyone agreed that both were required. The real question was whether industrial restructing was more likely to happen in conditions of recession or of rapid economic growth. This question, in Mr Clarke's view, could only be answered by an uncomfortable paradox: "It is obviously more painful to manage restructuring when the economy is in recession — but the tendency is for everyone to forget about the need for difficult decisions once the economy is doing well".

Mr Clarke's second observation was equally acute and, for a Conseravtive minister, rather more surprising. Deregulation, both in the labour market and in industries of all kinds, was a crucial components of any programme to increase both employment and growth. *But calls for freer markets in* the name of economic efficiency should not, he insisted, be confused with ideological attacks on the welfare state.

"When we talk about deregulating the labour market, that has nothing to do with dismantling the welfare state. In Britain we have the most flexible labour markets in Europe combined with excellent systems of worker protecton, helath and safety and welfare support."he said.That kind of mixed economy — with free private entrepreneurs *operating against strong* social provision — should be the model on which both America and Europe gradually converge.

The Chancellor, for once, seems to have it about right.

TEMPUS

Driving the bull

THE sale of Rover on Monday generated so much enthusiasm in the stock market that not even a concerted round of futures selling could prevent the FT-SE 100 index closing above 3,500. The Rover deal was the justification the bull market badly needed — a confirmation that British companies possess undervalued assets, which are coveted by foreigners who have money to spend.

The bull market has reached a pivotal point. Until now, historic dividend yields have propelled share prices as interest rates have fallen. Now, the promise of higher earnings is pulling the market along. As a result, the market is becoming less sensitive to interest rate movements and more attuned to company performance. One of the most notable events last month was the sharp recovery in TSB's profits. Admittedly, just as many companies, such as J. Sainsbury, are issuing profit warnings as are showing dramatic growth. But bull markets have an astonishing ability to digest the good news and spit out bad.

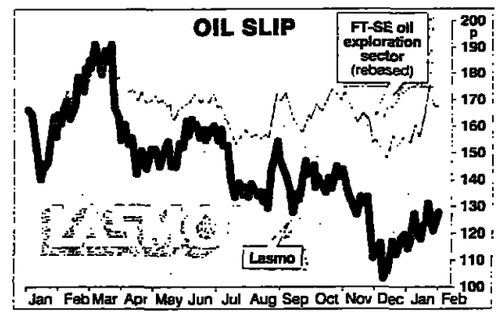
It will become more difficult to ignore the bad news as the year progresses, particularly when the tax increases come into force in April. This should immediately dampen high street spending and become visible in the retail sales statistics. By summer, there could be a flow of downbeat statements from stores groups and housebuilders, and the pessimism would then flow into other industries. Given that this downward pressure could well coincide with a long-awaited rise in the federal funds rate in US, the market could be thoroughly miserable this summer, after such a profitable winter.

Lasmo

GOOD news from Lasmo is not common, so yesterday's simultaneous announcement of a promising oil discovery and a new finance director had the rarity value of a total eclipse.

Dick Smernoff will be faced with the same problem that Lasmo's management has wrestled with for two years: how to fund the group's exploration and production schedule from a stretched balance sheet. Last year Lasmo could be forgiven for feeling it was running hard to stand still. The efforts to reduce the debt were undermined by the oil price fall which squeezed cash flow. Gearing at the end of 1993 is likely to have been little changed from mid-year, despite the sale of a stake in the Liverpool Bay field. Lasmo has reacted to the lower oil price by cutting its planning forecast for the price of oil from $17 to $15 a barrel. Admittedly, its sums are made easier by interest rates which have cut capital cost projections, but at least the new fields will be inherently more profitable than existing ones.

Until then, Lasmo must fund itself with an unhealthy diet of cost-cutting, disposals and further capital raising. It also looks set to omit its final dividend. The shares ceased being income-sensitive long ago, as a forward yield of only 1.2 per cent shows, and are now a pure recovery play. Unfortunately, the only thing that would move them is a turn in the oil price, and that looks a distant dream.



Euro Disney

GOODNESS knows, the Euro Disneyland shareholders have had their fair share of slaps across the face in the five years since the company disappeared across the Channel with their £700 million. But it is difficult not to regard the lack of financial data on offer as another insult.

The first quarter figures are so shorn of any useful detail that they would surely be unacceptable from a company subject to normal London Stock Exchange rules. The two crucial figures, the interest payable on the group's £2 billion of debt and the sum payable to the Walt Disney corporation in Burbank, California, for keeping the park going are signally absent. But a few deductions can be made.

Lower revenues but unchanged, if unspecified, operating profits suggest that the new management have had some success in bringing the cost base under control. Higher net losses indicate that the project, year on year, has swung from a net interest earner to a net payer of something between Fr400 million and Fr700 million, stripping out one-off factors.

Dividends are as far away as ever. The shares remain at the £4 level mainly through the credulity of French investors, who hope their government might one day bail the project out, although even the French brokers might soon lose patience. There is no reason to hold the shares.

Bridon

A £25 million restructuring charge might appear to be the last straw for shareholders in Bridon, the global wire, cable and rope manufacturer, who in the past three years have endured a collapse in profits and a 50 per cent cut in the dividend. In reality it is a sign that the company is finally addressing its structural deficiencies.

Ron Petersen, Bridon's new chief executive, is heading a full review of its business. None of the initiatives are particularly original and include a reorganisation along product lines instead of regions, plant closures and the disposal of non-core operations. They should still help unlock the group's potential.

Bridon is the world's largest manufacturer of a basic engineering component. Yet its operating margin in the first half of 1993 was only 1.7 per cent. If that recovers to a more respectable level, it could generate profits of £30 million. If Mr Petersen achieves even half of what he claims, the shares are cheap.

BUSINESS LETTER

Pension law should be strengthened not weakened

From the Chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds

Sir, I was most concerned at the suggestion in your article "Funds aim to water down pension law reform" (January 25) that the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) *favours the watering* down of the recommendations in the Goode committee's report.

It is essential that a robust and effective legislative framework for pension provision in the UK emerges. Far from wishing the committee's report to be diluted, there are a number of areas where the NAPF feels they should be strengthened. There is, for instance, a need for formal long-term funding plans and *tighter regulation of* custodians.

Codes of practice could aid the transition towards an effective framework by being introduced pending the implementation of legislation. If it proved desirable and feasible for some elements of such codes to be given statutory backing, the legislation could be simplified by confining itself to general principles without being "watered down".

Yours faithfully,
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Message in a bottle

THE P&O group, headed by Lord Sterling, and Brittany Ferries are, I gather, in the running to launch a new ferry service between Portsmouth and Pauillac on the Gironde river, not far from the city of Bordeaux. The Bordeaux Port Authority is worried by a decline in shipping traffic in the region of south-west France, for which it is responsible, and has thrown its weight behind plans for a passenger and freight service, to run initially on a twice-weekly *basis. The service* could be just the thing for City *bon vivants*. Pauillac is the capital of the Medoc wine area, bringing the delights of Chateaux Lafite-Rothschild, Latour, Mouton-Rothschild and many more of the great "crus classes" within easier reach. While Brittany Ferries is said to be interested in the launch of the new service, the *scales could be seen to be* tipping in favour of P&O. For nine months ago, Chevalier du Tastevin, the oldest wine brotherhood in France which is based at Clos de Vougeot, permitted P&O's ferries division to christen its newest vessel, destined for the Dover-to-Calais route, Pride of Burgundy.

Foreign player

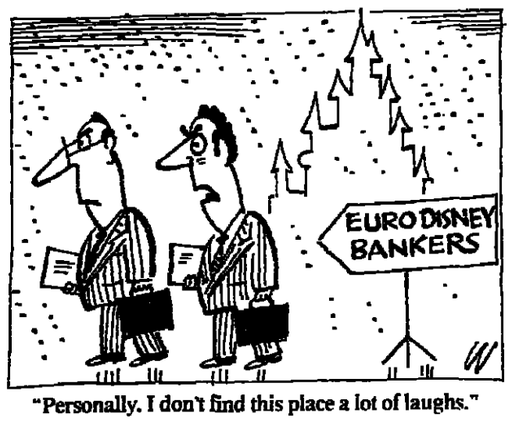
CURIOUS goings-on on the football pitch, when a team from Watson, Farley & Williams scored a resounding 9-2 victory over rival firm Rowe & Maw in the London Legal League. A certain John Dunne, playing for Rowe, became so excited in the heat of the moment, that he scored an own goal. It later emerged that he was an interloper who works for the Foreign Office — a revelation which triggered a barrage of jibes about "own goals" on Government policy, and so on. Just to add to the confusion, Willesden Stadium, the venue, is better known for hockey rather than football. Watson, Farley & Wil*liams is now top of the Third* Division, having comfortably seen off Slaughter and May, last season's winner.

Maastricht musers

IT has happened. Two social scientists at the University of Bradford have been awarded a £94,000 Government-sponsored grant to undertake a two-year study of . . . the Maastricth Treaty. Professor Kenneth Dyson, of the university's department of European studies, will beaver away with Dr Kevin Featherstone to "unravel the mystery of Maas*tricht". The research into the* subject most people have difficulty even in pronouncing will be under the aegis of the Economic and Social Research Council. The scientists will, of course, visit the major capitals of the European Community to conduct extensive interviews, look at the fine print, and analyse the deal that was eventually struck. It is expected they will produce two books on the subject. As Professor Dyson puts it: "At the end of the day, Maastricht and European Monetary Union should be much less of a mystery." That's a relief.

Hanson story

HANSON has once again come up with a titillating television advertisement. After some years of not telling us how much good work it was doing over there from over here, Hanson has stumbled upon the novel idea of condensing the somewhat complex plot of Citizen Kane, Orson Welles' classic movie, into a one-minute ad. There's the sledge, many industrial intricacies and the dying tycoon. Instead of mumbling "Rosebud" as in the film, the Welles lookalike whispers "Hanson" and expires. Older movie buffs will recall that the film caused such a stir when it came out that William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper tycoon (on whom the Welles character was said to be based) tried to ban the film throughout the country. Without much success, as it has gone on to be continually voted the greatest movie ever made. So great, in fact, that Hanson over here has parodied it very successfully.

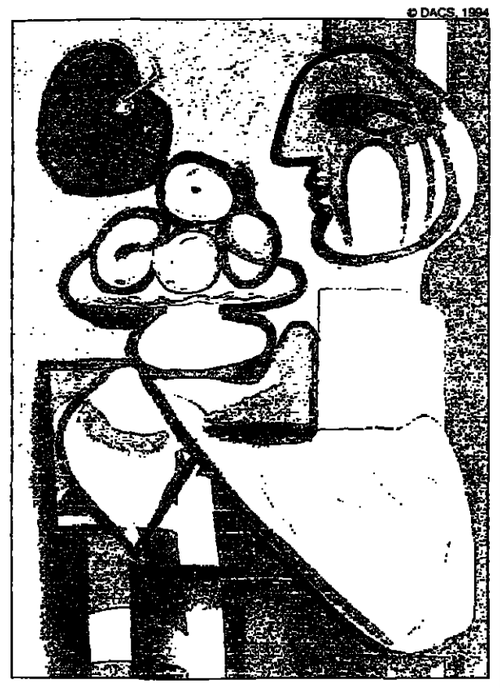


"Personally, I don't find this place a lot of laughs."

SHARE tips are set to fly when the annual Bankers' Golf Tournament tees off at the Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club on March 11. Up to 72 players from banks, stockbroking firms and elsewhere in the City will be clubbing together to raise at least £8,000 to help The Spastics Society continue its work for people with cerebral palsy. More than £5,000 was raised last year by teams from NatWest, Hambros and Barings, among others.

JON ASHWORTH

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A NEW interpretation of Picasso's work will be seen at the Tate Gallery's exhibition "Picasso: Sculptor & Painter", from February 16 to May 8, sponsored by Ernst & Young. The exhibition features 160 works, 15 of which have never been shown before. More than 80 are new to Britain.

To mark this event, *The Times* is offering readers an exclusive free print of Picasso's 1932 painting *Still life: Bust, Bowl And Palette*. The print is 56cm by 65.25cm, with a border, and reproduced on heavy-weight art paper.

Here, Picasso reflects on the relationship between painting (symbolised by the palette) and sculpture (the bust). The style as a whole seems intended to dramatise the oppositions between pictorial flatness and sculptural mass; between line and colour, and light and dark. The sculpted head is a reference to his earlier plater heads.

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Intl Income	73.15	77.83†	- 0.06	2.61
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	127.20	135.70	- 0.70	2.07
Leisure	131.40	140.50	...	1.00
Recovery	458.90	490.80	+ 0.90	2.04
Smllr Cos Inc	46.40	49.76	+ 0.22	1.75
Special Sits	312.90	334.70	+ 0.50	1.52
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	138.90	147.80	+ 0.50	0.31
Aust Acc	284.30	302.40	+ 2.20	1.15
Aust Inc	177.90	189.20	+ 1.40	1.18
Euro Gwth Inc	149.70	157.70	+ 0.10	0.46
Japan & Gen Inc	159.10	169.00	- 0.90	...
Japan Spec Sits	82.03	86.90	+ 0.42	...
Univ Tech Inc	82.15	87.30	+ 0.01	0.39
Worldwide	187.20	198.70†	+ 0.20	0.36

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9092

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	103.90	110.00	+ 0.50	...
Amer Smllr Cos	134.50	144.10	- 0.60	...
Cash Trust	50.50	50.50	...	4.90
Convertibles	64.79	69.29†	+ 0.27	5.60
Eastern	335.50	358.00	+ 4.60	1.60
Equity Income	99.83	106.20†	+ 0.50	4.90
European Growth	303.30	322.40	+ 2.80	1.50
Europe	217.30	231.60	- 1.80	1.50
German Growth	73.12	77.83	- 0.31	0.70
Global Bond	70.71	74.69†	+ 0.25	5.30
Global Growth	137.10	146.30	+ 0.60	...
Japan Growth	219.50	235.80	- 1.60	...
Japan Sunrise	183.80	196.00	- 0.60	...
Korea Trust	55.58	59.22	+ 2.12	...
Portfolio	145.30	155.10	+ 1.00	3.00
UK Growth	101.80	108.00	- 0.70	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	103.50	110.40	- 0.90	1.90
Select Managers	91.10	96.77	- 0.32	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	84.38	89.77†	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	58.08	61.79†	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	195.90	209.50	+ 2.50	0.45
Dividend	89.07	95.26†	- 0.10	4.11
Int Gth & Inc	236.20	252.60†	- 0.20	2.39
UK & Gen	48.75	52.15	- 0.46	1.52
Fund of Funds	70.53	75.43	+ 0.44	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	117.66	125.83	+ 0.82	1.27
Smaller Cos	112.19	119.99	+ 0.61	0.97
Higher Yield	49.48	52.92†	+ 0.06	2.43
American Gth Inc	75.59	80.84†	+ 0.07	...
European Growth	139.10	148.77	+ 0.43	...
Global Bond Inc	32.01	33.56†	+ 0.03	4.44
Mngd Pfolio Inc	46.45	49.71	+ 0.20	1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	70.49	71.45	+ 0.04	4.88

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	162.40	172.80	+ 0.10	1.21
UK Growth	178.90	190.30†	- 0.30	1.54
UK Income	148.90	155.40	...	3.48

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	199.70	211.70†	+ 0.20	1.71
-do- Income Dist	122.20	129.60	+ 0.30	4.12
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.86	47.55†	- 1.32	5.72

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	154.00	163.90	- 0.20	..
European Inc	82.26	87.10	+ 0.48	0.47
Smaller Cos (4-1)	86.75	92.29	+ 0.35	1.36
Growth	473.50	506.50	+ 4.50	1.74
Income & Growth	453.20	482.20†	+ 3.50	3.11
Japan & Gen	74.99	79.78	- 0.28	..
Master Portfolio	11499	11934	+87.000	1.34
Special Sits	108.10	115.00†	- 0.80	1.75
High Yield	1476.0	1522.0	+10.00	3.54

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	38.99	41.60	+ 0.10	0.88
Cash Income	50.39	50.39	...	5.18
European Gwth	40.75	43.45	+ 0.34	0.80
Income & Gwth Inc	31.26	33.43	+ 0.22	3.70
Intnl Gwth	33.21	35.51	+ 0.05	0.72
Japan Gwth	28.06	30.01	- 0.22	...
Managed Tst Inc	52.14	55.76	+ 0.15	0.47
Oriental Opps Inc	170.30	182.10	+ 1.50	0.54
Property Shares	48.98	52.38	+ 0.36	1.55
Smaller Cos	34.32	36.70	+ 0.21	1.44
UK Growth Tst	28.39	30.36	+ 0.20	2.48
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	77.80	83.20	+ 0.22	1.55
Cap Hse UK Inc	73.08	78.15	+ 0.53	2.19
Exempt	23.50	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.82	28.68	+ 0.16	0.37
European Acc	27.82	29.75	+ 0.19	0.37
Financial	167.90	179.50	+ 1.00	2.27
Foundation	99.49	106.40	+ 0.50	2.39
German	50.48	53.98	+ 0.45	0.07
High Income	84.97	90.87	+ 0.28	5.62
Income	150.70	161.10	+ 1.00	3.42
Intl Growth	39.69	42.44	+ 0.11	0.15
Mngd Pfolio Inc	112.30	120.10†	+ 0.90	1.54
Mngd Pfolio Acc	214.90	229.80†	+ 1.70	1.54
Monthly Income	89.98	96.23†	+ 0.56	3.35
North American	110.80	118.50†	- 0.10	0.15
Orient	158.40	169.40	+ 1.90	..

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	87.32	93.32†	+ 0.62	2.11
American Portfolio	93.28	99.38	+ 0.87	1.00
Europn Portfolio	100.56	107.31	+ 1.40	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	70.46	74.96	- 0.85	...
Pacific Portfolio	153.33	164.88	+ 0.62	0.73
UK Inc & Growth	80.23	85.86	+ 0.75	3.48
Utility & Bond	62.23	62.95	+ 0.57	5.85

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	70.48	74.97	- 0.59	2.61
Global Tst	65.41	69.58	...	...
Recovery Tst	73.58	78.27	...	1.68

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	155.32	167.63	...	...
UK Growth	117.64	126.67	...	1.01
UK Income	130.45	130.66	...	3.70

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	92.70	98.09	+ 0.42	1.70
Beck Bio-Tech	41.92	44.60†	..	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	172.33	181.40†	..	1.16
City Fin Assets	79.60	83.79	...	1.50
City Fin America	82.96	87.33	+ 2.37	...
City Fin Intl	84.81	89.27	+ 4.73	0.45
City Fin Japan	169.65	178.58	+10.02	...
Friars Hse Cap	294.96	312.13†	..	2.09
Friars Hse Inc	219.46	233.47	..	4.58
Buckley Wrld Grth	148.32	157.79	+ 3.40	0.63
Fairmnt Cap Gth	147.76	155.54	..	..
-do- Inc & Gth	122.25	128.68	..	1.50
Fairmount Intl	163.41	172.01	..	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	63.51	67.56†	...	2.46

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	61.31	65.06	+ 0.24	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	59.94	64.62	- 0.01	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.69	42.68	+ 0.30	...
Dragon Growth	80.57	86.17	+ 0.53	0.27
Equity High Inc	92.23	97.86	+ 0.54	3.10
European Gwth	51.52	54.66	+ 0.28	0.56
Evergreen	31.77	33.98	+ 0.26	...
General Equity	92.72	98.38	+ 0.76	1.90
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.81	29.23†	- 0.09	7.83
Japan Growth	51.00	55.04	- 0.21	..
Pedigree Gwth	54.95	58.30	+ 0.31	1.78
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.84	36.97	+ 0.12	0.56
Retirement Inc	29.09	31.28	+ 0.07	4.72
Special Sits	41.69	44.59	+ 0.17	1.43
UK & Overseas	53.50	56.76	+ 0.23	0.71

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	69.58	74.42	+ 0.28	2.58
Income	65.69	70.26	+ 0.30	3.54

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	184.76	196.55	+ 1.13	4.90
Fixed & Convertible	49.04	52.17†	- 0.07	5.44
Monthly Inc Plus	55.26	58.79	- 0.01	7.62
Preference Share	54.17	57.63†	+ 0.05	6.60
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	145.11	154.37†	- 0.83	5.32
Managed Fund	73.12	77.79	+ 0.18	2.99
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	45.84	48.77	+ 0.30	1.74
UK & General	85.15	90.59	- 0.54	2.39
UK Growth	147.82	157.26	- 1.09	1.56
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	194.56	206.98	+ 1.25	...
Far Eastern Grth	150.60	160.21	+ 1.91	0.26
Global Bond	88.54	94.08	+ 0.31	5.68
Japan Growth	126.95	135.05	- 0.61	...
North Amer Grth	166.11	176.71	+ 0.04	...
Oriental Growth	92.31	98.20	+ 1.48	...
Worldwide Growth	66.97	71.24	- 0.04	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.66	92.66	+ 0.01	4.67
Homemaker Fund	83.26	88.57†	+ 0.54	1.73
Quilter Fund	145.46	154.74†	+ 1.04	1.92

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	63.02	67.04†	+ 0.39	2.50
High Income	36.98	39.21	+ 0.14	4.30
Japan	37.18	39.55	- 0.13	...
Smaller Cos Inc	33.90	36.06	+ 0.17	2.60
Smaller Cos	35.27	37.52	+ 0.17	2.60
North American	33.94	36.10	- 0.24	0.50
European	38.58	41.04	+ 0.29	0.20

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	34.04	36.47	...	4.06

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	156.90	167.00	+ 0.10	1.53
Income	82.60	87.88†	+ 0.78	3.89
European	62.84	66.85	+ 0.71	0.61
Recovery	150.70	160.40	- 1.50	1.39

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-88 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	886.20	900.70†	...	3.40

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	77.78	82.75	+ 0.03	1.72
Income	262.30	279.10	+ 1.50	4.03
Smaller Cos	159.90	170.20†	+ 0.70	1.20
Inv Portfolio	84.04	89.41	- 0.27	1.63
High Income Port	74.36	79.11	+ 0.51	4.30

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1514.8	1543.1	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1219.6	1242.9	...	...
UK Small Cos	1909.9	1983.5	...	...
US Small Cos	1686.4	1722.8	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	204.20	215.00	..	2.73

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	267.60	282.90	+ 1.20	1.06
New Asia	250.10	270.20	+ 2.20	0.29
Japan Growth	125.60	133.60	- 0.20	..
Jap Smllr Co	524.40	556.80	+ 0.70	..
Nth Amer	254.60	269.90	- 2.50	0.90
Shifrc Asia Pac Mr	140.50	148.60	- 1.20	0.42
UK Inc & Grth	238.20	254.10	- 1.70	3.19

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	152.00	161.70	- 0.60	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	168.90	179.70	- 0.50	4.44
UK Pref & F I Inc	64.64	68.54	- 0.22	4.57
Envirnmntl Opps	87.50	93.09	+ 0.01	1.32

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	125.00	132.80	- 0.40	0.15
Convertibles	25.87	27.49	- 0.15	6.03
Equity Income	147.30	156.50	- 1.10	3.19
EuroFund	46.78	49.47†	- 0.28	0.81
Financial	56.00	59.50	- 0.40	1.34
Growth & Inc	258.50	274.70†	- 2.90	2.73
High Dist	190.70	192.00	- 1.60	3.91
International	419.20	445.40	+ 2.10	0.22
Intl Income	102.70	109.60†	- 0.70	2.37
Latin American	55.73	59.21	- 1.06	0.21
Pacific	95.07	101.00	+ 1.08	..
Preference Share	26.69	28.36†	- 0.07	5.47
Tokyo	227.30	241.20	- 2.30	...
UK Smaller Cos	254.90	270.80	- 1.70	0.87

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	234.40	250.20		

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	213.90	227.60	...	0.37

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	91.84	96.20	+ 0.77	1.51
Far Eastern	340.27	358.16	+ 2.59	1.25
High Income	148.98	156.82	+ 1.45	3.91
Intl Growth	131.84	138.79	+ 0.88	0.77
North American	122.07	128.49	+ 0.93	0.98
Pelican	130.48	137.35	+ 1.72	2.63
Smaller Cos	80.34	84.57	+ 0.27	1.76
Special Sits	101.83	106.14	+ 0.99	1.98
Tst of Inv Tsts	206.19	217.04	+ 1.62	1.69

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	226.69	236.14	+ 0.66	1.52
Smaller Cos Acc	392.47	408.82	+ 1.17	1.52
Recovery	61.42	63.98	- 0.31	1.78

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	122.00	129.51	- 0.30	4.43
Capital Growth	91.28	97.89	+ 0.36	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	49.80	53.13†	+ 0.41	0.21
High Income	50.79	54.17†	- 0.01	8.18
Warrant	70.88	77.05	+ 0.09	...
Zero Preference	38.14	40.47	+ 0.01	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 226 787

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	80.56	85.70†	..	2.12
Family Income Tst	54.51	57.98†	..	5.64
Family Trust	90.84	96.63†	..	1.11
United Charities	272.00	289.30	...	2.71

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings 0800 414 181

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	4.70
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.98	26.34†	- 0.03	3.02
-do- Europe	24.43	25.75	+ 0.15	4.85
-do- America	23.75	25.05	+ 0.11	0.42
-do- Acc Japan	27.57	29.26	+ 0.11	0.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.12	32.39	- 0.01	6.02
Intl Bond	32.69	34.07†	+ 0.10	4.74
Income Funds				
High Income	30.40	31.99†	+ 0.07	4.47
Income Plus	134.90	143.50	+ 0.90	3.51
Amer Eq Inc	49.40	52.42†	+ 0.14	1.72
European Income	46.57	49.52	+ 0.28	2.19
Far East Inc	66.16	70.65	+ 0.40	2.17
Global Convertible	26.07	27.81	+ 0.03	1.96
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	67.34	71.83	+ 0.89	...
American	244.20	258.80	..	...
Amer Spec Sits	113.70	121.50	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	42.15	44.96	+ 0.01	...
European	170.70	181.50	+ 1.30	...
European Opps	62.60	66.57	+ 0.56	...
UK Growth	94.99	101.00	+ 0.50	...
Growth & Inc	169.00	179.70†	+ 1.10	2.20
Intl PEP	37.90	40.30	+ 0.22	...
Japan Spec Sits	95.05	101.50†	+ 0.20	...
Japan	198.70	212.10	- 0.10	...
Managed Intl	278.50	297.30	+ 0.90	...
Moneybuilder	55.60	59.31	+ 0.61	...
Recovery	48.52	51.59	+ 0.38	...
South E Asia	180.90	193.00	+ 2.00	...
Special Sits	569.40	606.50	..	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	119.50	125.80	+ 0.60	2.81
UK Reverse Index	69.25	73.05	+ 0.43	5.00
Europe Index	121.30	127.80	+ 0.40	4.21
-do- Reverse Index	61.51	65.42	+ 0.36	8.74
America Index	103.90	109.40	+ 0.20	0.74
-do- Reverse Index	90.30	95.36	+ 0.71	0.89
Japan Index	136.70	144.00	+ 0.30	0.78
-do- Reverse Index	88.96	93.87	+ 1.24	1.53
Cash Accum Units	104.27	104.27	+ 0.01	4.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	152.90	156.10	+ 3.40	1.94
Inc Pfolio	98.58	100.50	+ 0.92	3.19
Cap Pfolio	159.70	162.70†	+ 1.10	0.54
General Opps	140.10	142.20	+ 1.50	3.04
Growth Inc	33.92	34.59	+ 0.20	1.97
Private Portfolio	447.30	455.80	+ 8.50	1.34

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 090

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	117.50	124.30	+ 1.20	...
Far Eastern	193.60	207.70	- 0.50	...
High Income	23.68	25.20†	+ 0.05	10.02
Oseas Income	103.10	110.10	+ 0.60	2.71
UK Growth	124.50	133.20†	+ 0.80	0.71
UK Income	119.40	127.90	+ 1.00	4.69
US Smaller Cos	299.70	320.50	+ 1.50	..

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	53.95	57.39	- 0.05	3.62
-do- Inv Tst Inc	83.62	88.96	+ 0.02	3.48
Intl Growth	77.81	82.78	...	1.09
Investment Trust	98.60	104.89	+ 0.08	0.21
UK Smaller Cos	88.52	94.17†	+ 0.37	1.17

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	56.98	60.88	- 0.13	...
(Accum Units)	56.98	60.88	- 0.13	...
Amer Smllr Cos	511.40	546.80	+ 1.20	...
(Accum Units)	522.50	558.70	+ 1.40	...
Capital Tst	342.70	364.50	+ 1.30	1.52
(Accum Units)	482.30	513.00	+ 1.70	1.52
Convl Smllr Cos	60.21	64.68	+ 0.85	0.26
(Accum Units)	62.94	67.61	+ 0.89	0.26
Convertible	147.20	156.50	+ 0.50	4.45
(Accum Units)	285.10	303.20	+ 1.00	4.45
Emerging Markets	92.01	98.30	+ 1.36	...
(Accum Units)	92.10	98.39	+ 1.37	...
European	121.50	129.00	+ 1.10	0.12
(Accum Units)	126.70	134.50	+ 1.10	0.12
Extra Income	367.60	391.00†	+ 2.20	3.04
(Accum Units)	532.90	566.80†	+ 3.10	3.04
Financial	129.30	138.90	+ 0.70	0.23
(Accum Units)	135.40	145.40	+ 0.70	0.23
Gilt Trust	72.70	74.96	- 0.56	5.35
(Accum Units)	96.25	99.24	- 0.74	5.35
Health Fund Inc	147.50	157.50	+ 0.40	...
(Accum Units)	147.50	157.50	+ 0.40	...
Income & Growth	218.30	232.10	+ 1.00	2.96
(Accum Units)	316.10	336.20	+ 1.40	2.96
Intl Growth	389.00	417.50	+ 0.50	...
(Accum Units)	432.00	463.60	+ 0.60	...
Japan & Gen	196.40	210.40	- 1.10	...
(Accum Units)	198.40	212.50	- 1.10	...
Managed Port Inc	113.20	119.10	+ 0.40	0.60
(Accum Units)	119.00	125.20	+ 0.50	0.60
Monthly Income	186.40	198.20	+ 1.00	3.15
Quarterly Income	59.72	63.52	+ 0.17	3.97
(Accum Units)	61.08	64.97	+ 0.18	3.97
Recovery	373.80	399.70†	+ 2.40	0.08
(Accum Units)	439.20	469.60†	+ 2.90	0.08
UK Growth	56.87	60.67	+ 0.28	2.09
(Accum Units)	56.87	60.67	+ 0.28	2.09

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	419.56	446.34	- 1.55	2.09
-do- Accum	865.50	920.75	- 3.21	2.09
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.57	145.28†	- 0.80	0.28
-do- Accum	141.85	150.90†	- 0.84	0.28
FP Fixed Int Dist	147.45	155.97	- 0.50	5.48
-do- Accum	255.44	270.19	- 0.85	5.48
FP Intl Gth Dist	97.88	104.13	+ 0.35	0.35
-do- Accum	101.90	108.40	+ 0.37	0.35
FP Nth Amer Dist	200.20	212.08†	+ 2.17	0.51
-do- Accum	218.74	231.72†	+ 2.37	0.51
FP Pac Basin Dist	341.59	363.39†	+ 0.82	0.01
-do- Accum	348.11	370.33†	+ 0.84	0.01
Stewardship Dist	365.63	388.97	+ 0.76	1.52
-do- Accum	438.87	466.88	+ 0.92	1.52
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	79.43	84.50†	+ 0.34	2.89
-do- Accum	99.97	106.35†	+ 0.43	2.89
N Am Stshp Dist	105.16	111.87†	+ 1.04	0.31
-do- Accum	111.30	118.40†	+ 1.10	0.31

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	258.70	273.60	- 0.60	1.79
Cash	49.28	50.01†	..	4.37
Growth Portfolio	89.23	94.58	+ 0.44	0.32
Income Portfolio	74.63	78.92†	- 0.05	3.15

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	159.60	170.70	+ 0.20	...
European	557.00	594.10	- 2.00	1.21
Far East & Gen	292.30	312.70	+ 0.40	...
Germany	121.30	129.10	..	...
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	169.10	180.90	+ 0.80	4.16
International	380.10	406.60	+ 4.40	0.31
Intl Income	89.78	95.46	+ 0.10	3.70
Japan & General	419.70	447.30	- 2.20	...
Korean Securities	79.95	85.51	- 0.49	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.04	59.94†	+ 0.29	3.75
UK Capital (Inc)	200.50	214.50	+ 0.80	1.64
UK Spec Sits	99.85	106.80	+ 0.50	0.31
US & General	136.20	144.90	+ 1.40	...
Wwide Spec Sits	178.60	190.40	+ 0.50	0.08

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	55.69	59.60†	+ 0.68	1.78
Cash Trust	131.98	131.98	+ 0.01	4.88
Practical Inv Inc	122.95	131.60	+ 0.10	3.35
UK Index	161.64	164.33	+ 1.25	2.63
UK Smaller Cos	129.37	137.29	+ 0.11	1.25
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.62	29.54†	...	8.56
High Income	38.07	40.72†	+ 0.17	4.27
UK Equity Income	152.61	163.22†	- 1.10	3.27
Global Bond	30.80	31.99	+ 0.10	4.56
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	70.97	75.90	- 0.66	...
Global Inc & Gth	143.86	153.36	- 0.44	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	119.64	127.96	- 1.80	0.54
Global Utilities	145.19	154.86†	- 1.17	0.64
Overseas Funds				
American	144.16	154.16	+ 1.09	0.47
European	100.52	106.41	+ 0.49	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	133.45	141.75	+ 1.06	0.20
Amer Emerging	104.67	111.95†	+ 1.85	..
Hong Kong	190.96	204.23	+ 0.52	0.81
Japan	251.26	267.22	- 2.30	..
Pacific Growth	259.10	277.11	+ 4.47	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	229.92	229.92†	+ 2.89	1.65
Long Term Bal	248.78	248.78†	+ 1.35	1.97
Med Term Bal	207.95	207.95†	+ 0.35	2.33
UK Equity	254.99	254.99	+ 1.80	1.33
UK Emerging Cos	151.44	151.44†	+ 0.46	1.79
American	237.97	237.97	+ 0.19	1.23
Japan	140.54	140.54	- 1.00	..
European	257.15	257.15	+ 1.26	0.96
Index Linked Gilt	178.30	178.30	+ 0.01	2.57
Fixed Interest	171.15	171.15	- 0.85	6.05
Amer Emergos	268.68	268.68	+ 2.75	...
Pacific	275.41	275.41	+ 2.83	0.52
Emerging Mkts	212.80	212.80†	+ 1.28	..
Index Strat Japan	157.41	157.41†	+10.40	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	226.06	226.06†	+12.82	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	151.46	151.46†	+ 8.45	1.50
Index Strat USA	133.88	133.88†	+ 2.44	2.08
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	107.45	114.31		
Med Term Bal	98.56	104.85		
Long Term Bal	111.58	118.70		
UK Equity	117.11	124.58		
UK Emerging Cos	70.92	75.34		
American	110.64	117.70	+ 0.09	
Japan	68.18	72.54		
European	106.87	113.69		
Fixed Interest	96.51	[illegible]		
Index Linked Gilt	78.99	84.03		
Deposit	76.67	81.56	+ 0.04	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	137.10	144.24†	+ 1.07	
Berkeley Income	122.43	128.87†	+ 0.22	1.98
BWH Intl	146.25	153.95	+ 0.77	0.55
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	65.47	69.10	+ 0.32	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	62.69	66.16	+ 0.11	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	55.99	59.09	+ 0.44	1.00
Shaw Utilities	61.80	65.22	+ 0.66	3.27

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	156.20	164.80	+ 3.20	..
Higher Income	144.20	151.10	+ 5.80	1.47

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
& Intl Inc	605.07	644.65	...	0.09
European Inc	150.42	160.02	..	..
Amalgam Inc	154.56	163.63	+ 1.68	..
N America Inc	327.17	348.05	..	..
Far East Inc	349.09	371.34	..	0.20
UK Divid Inc	180.59	192.12	+ 3.12	0.91

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7588

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	96.37	101.35	+ 0.31	4.02
UK Small Cos	54.43	58.21	+ 0.53	1.10
British Growth	63.99	66.93	+ 0.02	2.14
American Gwth	160.99	172.18†	+ 0.43	..
Japan Gwth	86.22	92.21†	- 0.40	..
Greater China	225.37	241.00†	+ 0.56	0.95
Pacific Strategy	191.21	203.43†	+ 1.32	0.15
European Gwth	85.81	91.78	+ 0.08	0.52
Intl Growth	166.95	178.56	+ 1.05	0.34
US Index (E)	14.074	14.829	+0.082	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	85.30	90.09	+ 0.25	2.15
Monthly Income	47.23	50.15†	- 0.36	10.20
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (E)	12.822	13.409	+0.194	4.40
Euro Index (E)	13.452	14.077	+0.113	4.50
Japan Index (E)	11.742	12.240	+0.320	1.95
US Index (E)	14.825	15.510	+0.092	1.50
Cash (E)	9.5073	9.5546	+0.001	5.10
UK Bear (E)	6.5762	7.1904	-0.101	4.40
European Bear (E)	7.1701	7.5127	+0.029	4.50
Japan Bear (E)	11.392	11.923	+0.209	1.95
US Bear (E)	8.9920	9.3026	+0.090	1.50
Dollar Bull (E)	15.718	16.450	+0.241	1.50
Dollar Bear (E)	6.8932	7.2073	-0.003	4.40
Gilt Bull (E)	12.031	12.576	-0.054	4.40
Gilt Bear (E)	6.9197	7.2331	+0.029	4.40
Dollar Cash (E)	10.586	10.639	+0.078	1.90
Grd UK Index (E)	13.563	14.286	-0.149	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1222

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	96.28	104.55†	...	0.84
Bridge Income	300.14	319.30	...	4.58

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	134.30	134.30	+ 0.10	4.39
European	469.50	501.50	+ 2.10	0.09
Gilt & Fixed	141.60	150.30	- 0.30	5.11
Growth Equity	362.50	387.20	- 0.70	1.61
Income Trust	137.80	147.20	- 0.20	2.68
International	194.70	208.00	- 0.70	...
Japan Trust	134.40	143.50†	- 1.10	...
Nth American	283.60	302.90	+ 1.10	...
Pacific	651.10	695.60	+ 4.30	...
Guardhill	530.10	566.30	- 0.80	1.63

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	118.19	122.73	+ 0.17	7.08
Global High Inc	119.89	124.47†	+ 0.10	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	119.53	124.09	- 0.24	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	112.59	119.71†	+ 0.13	4.33
European Growth	97.93	104.12	- 0.23	...
Intl PEP Trust	62.45	66.41	- 0.01	...
High Income	129.12	137.28†	- 0.01	3.04
Recovery	417.20	443.60	- 1.90	1.62
St Vinc High Inc	144.49	146.65	- 0.33	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	251.80	267.70	+ 1.90	1.13
Tmp Br Sm Co In	362.60	369.00†	+ 4.00	1.60

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH18 1EW
0800 938 968

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	42.04	44.57†	...	1.23
Income Advtg Inc	35.07	37.18	...	3.03

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Pfolio	218.30	231.60	+ 0.10	1.97
Smaller Cos	36.50	38.83†	+ 0.21	1.49

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	320.42	342.84	+ 2.27	0.89
Best of British	67.94	72.62	+ 0.50	1.87
UK Smaller Cos	132.60	142.54†	+ 0.87	0.79
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	301.51	321.10	+ 1.33	2.56
High Income	359.01	383.78†	+ 2.43	3.27
Extra Income	319.25	339.87	+ 1.42	3.82
Pref & Gilt	50.74	54.54†	- 0.03	7.49
International				
International	289.14	307.49	+ 1.70	0.39
Global Bond	59.86	63.68	+ 0.08	6.03
Family of Funds	86.57	92.35†	+ 0.46	0.17
Global Tech	156.55	167.43	+ 0.21	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	204.85	219.06	+ 1.05	...
European	486.08	514.46	+ 4.38	0.27
European Income	87.70	92.75†	+ 0.54	2.23
Euro Smlr Cos	149.09	159.34	+ 1.17	0.27
Eur Sp Sits	68.70	73.20	+ 0.58	0.49
Japan Trust	222.64	237.06†	- 2.61	...
Japan Special Sits	252.83	269.16	- 1.69	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	286.27	304.54	+ 5.00	0.09
North American	251.20	267.05†	+ 0.73	...
American Smaller	110.64	118.27	+ 0.35	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	58.78	62.30	+ 0.46	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.96	62.49	+ 0.96	...
General Growth	45.17	47.88	+ 0.40	...
Global Tech	61.27	64.94	+ 0.45	...
Income Growth	45.28	48.56	+ 0.38	...
Japan Growth	27.22	28.85	- 0.32	...
Overseas Growth	42.19	44.72	+ 0.30	...
Smaller Cos	23.42	24.82	+ 0.30	...
Special Opps	30.97	32.82	+ 0.50	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	52.70	55.86	+ 0.37	...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	109.20	116.70	+ 1.30	1.69
Capital	187.00	200.00	+ 0.90	1.52
Dollar	352.10	376.90	+ 1.90	0.01
European	243.70	260.60	+ 1.50	0.41
Far East	377.90	404.10†	+ 2.70	0.20
Financial	925.40	989.70	+ 4.60	1.22
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.11	30.24†	- 0.03	6.82
High Yield	122.20	130.60	+ 0.50	3.77
Income & Growth	162.50	173.70	+ 0.80	2.80
International	263.70	282.00†	+ 2.60	0.06
Japanese General	202.60	216.60†	- 2.40	...
Japan Tech	77.57	82.96†	- 0.51	...
Nat Resources	81.69	87.36	+ 2.26	0.41
Portfolio	80.40	85.98	+ 0.59	1.61
Security	363.00	388.20	+ 5.00	1.65
Smaller Cos	142.30	152.10	- 0.80	1.15
Special Sits	169.30	181.00	+ 0.90	1.22
UK Emerging Cos	95.09	101.20	+ 0.60	0.26
US Smaller Cos	77.31	82.68	- 0.06	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	204.90	218.20†	- 1.80	1.20
Eurotrack 100	160.50	170.40†	- 0.30	0.92
Footsie Fund	57.38	60.66†	+ 0.39	2.36
Japan Index	83.15	88.66†	- 0.52	0.12
Tiger Index	228.50	243.90	- 2.60	0.17
Trade Index	130.50	139.30	- 1.90	1.57
UK Index	151.30	161.50†	+ 1.00	2.56
Active Funds				
American Growth	492.40	525.30	- 0.30	0.16
Asian	65.11	69.49†	- 0.78	...
Capital	656.00	700.10	+ 5.00	1.92
European Growth	112.30	119.20†	+ 1.00	0.27
Global Bond	24.66	26.00†	+ 0.02	6.12
Hong Kong Gwth	141.40	150.90	- 0.10	0.45
Income	624.80	666.80	+ 4.20	3.42
Intl Growth	82.82	88.21	- 0.13	0.10
Japan Growth	298.00	318.00	- 2.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.53	38.91†	- 0.07	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	80.04	85.42	+ 1.63	...
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 529200				
Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	63.90	68.33	+ 0.13	2.08
(Accum Units)	65.70	70.25	+ 0.13	2.08
British Tst	92.43	98.86	- 0.56	1.71
(Accum Units)	104.70	111.90	- 0.70	1.71
Extra High Inc	79.23	84.74†	+ 0.17	5.31
(Accum Units)	145.20	155.20†	+ 0.30	5.31
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.06	63.56	- 0.18	5.86
(Accum Units)	167.30	174.20	- 0.40	5.86
High Yield	257.90	275.80	+ 0.80	4.13
(Accum Units)	619.00	662.00	+ 2.00	4.13
Income	331.90	355.00†	- 2.50	2.58
(Accum Units)	709.60	758.90†	- 3.10	2.58
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	..
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	136.30	147.90	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.59
Money Market UT	49.17	49.17†	...	4.65
(Accum Units)	74.61	74.61†	..	4.65
Monthly Income	97.52	104.30	+ 0.30	3.55
North American	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	108.00	114.90	+ 0.60	1.71
European Growth	108.10	115.00	+ 0.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	89.87	95.38	- 0.25	5.82
Income	94.86	100.70	+ 0.40	2.62
Japan Growth	56.45	60.05	- 0.50	...
Managed	70.78	75.30	+ 0.15	2.33
Money Market	82.93	87.80	...	4.58
North American	90.44	96.21	+ 0.05	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	98.14	104.40	+ 0.60	1.69
European Growth	101.80	108.30	+ 0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.65	90.90	- 0.24	5.78
Income	92.98	98.92	+ 0.40	2.60
Japan Growth	56.30	59.89	- 0.49	...
Managed	67.72	72.04	+ 0.14	2.31
Money Market	75.56	81.16	..	4.53
North American	82.35	87.61	+ 0.04	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	98.51	104.80	+ 0.60	1.87
European Growth	99.45	105.80	+ 0.90	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.41	84.29	- 0.23	5.86
Income	92.48	98.38	+ 0.41	2.60
Japan Growth	57.66	61.34	- 0.50	...
Managed	71.17	75.71	+ 0.15	2.29
Money Market	71.97	76.28	..	4.56
North American	91.34	97.17	+ 0.05	0.43

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	79.44	84.40	+ 0.31	0.24
Smaller Cos	34.12	36.25†	+ 0.17	1.04
Special Features	34.84	37.01	+ 0.15	1.14
(Accum Units)	41.53	44.12	+ 0.19	1.14
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	87.95	93.19†	- 0.39	1.62
Accum Units	[illegible]	137.30†	+ 0.60	1.62
General Equities	80.49	85.51†	- 0.18	2.39
Great British Cos	57.22	61.11†	+ 0.33	1.47
Managed Invest	136.80	144.00†	+ 0.50	1.03
PEP Managed	77.58	82.77	+ 0.48	1.90
Rupert Child Tst	89.15	95.06	- 0.59	1.57
UK Growth	65.74	70.22	+ 0.46	1.33
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.01	50.01	- 0.80	3.70
Cashbox (Acc)	57.30	57.30	+ 0.01	3.70
Extra Income	95.32	102.40†	+ 0.40	4.09
Gilt	30.54	32.17†	+ 0.13	5.63
Income & Growth	46.75	49.84	+ 0.35	2.82
Minstar Gilt & FI	77.14	84.98	- 0.17	7.08
Preference Shares	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.01	5.59
UK Income	377.10	402.30	+ 2.60	2.69
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	76.55	81.65	+ 0.22	0.48
Property Shares	95.68	[illegible]	- 0.58	0.96
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	52.46	55.73	- 0.07	0.51
US Smaller Cos	[illegible]	130.90	+ 1.40	..
(Accum Units)	125.00	132.30	+ 1.40	...
Europe Perf	154.40	163.50	+ 1.60	
(Accum Units)	159.70	169.10	+ 1.70	.
Euro Smaller Cos	29.02	30.79	+ 0.28	.
French Growth	63.45	68.45†	+ 0.74	.
Accum Units	89.80	94.75†	+ 1.06	...
H Kong & China	112.70	117.50†	+ 1.10	0.32
Intl Growth	61.03	64.96	+ 0.13	...
Accum Units	61.36	65.19	+ 0.14	.
Japan Perf	36.10	38.33	- 0.24	.
Accum Units	36.10	38.33	- 0.24	..
Japan Smaller Cos	42.50	45.14	+ 0.02	...
Singapore ASEAN	113.40	129.40	- 2.60	..
Accum Units	119.30	130.30	- 2.60	...
SE Asia	371.10	394.22	+ 5.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	101.40	107.90	- 0.40	1.27
Intl Bond	60.71	64.49	- 0.06	5.90

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	190.80	198.70	- 0.60	..
Income	156.54	166.00†	- 0.25	3.45
Res & General	157.40	166.20	..	.
UK Growth	56.40	60.55†	- 0.22	0.87
International	91.82	99.81†	- 0.17	0.01
Ecology	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	0.56
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.34	..
Far Eastern	374.30	398.80	- 1.00	.

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	62.25	66.22	+ 0.54	5.89
(Accum Units)	86.69	92.22	+ 0.75	5.89
Gilt Yield	35.75	38.75	- 0.80	6.53
(Accum Units)	376.00	398.90	- 1.40	6.53
Global Income	244.23	259.82†	+ 1.81	3.32
(Accum Units)	342.30	373.50	+ 4.15	3.32
High Yield	163.90	174.40	+ 0.70	4.93
(Accum Units)	471.20	501.10	+ 2.00	4.93
Smllr Cos Div	52.33	56.31†	+ 2.35	2.61
(Accum Units)	78.22	83.21†	+ 2.97	2.61
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	100.41	106.80†	+ 0.30	
(Accum Units)	103.90	110.57	+ 0.30	
North American	90.72	95.97	+ 0.31	0.29
(Accum Units)	95.97	101.30	+ 0.40	0.29
European Special	95.35	101.40	+ 0.44	1.23
(Accum Units)	100.00	106.40	+ 0.40	1.23
European	160.30	170.40	+ 1.40	1.15
(Accum Units)	209.80	223.20	+ 1.00	1.15
General	312.00	331.90†	+ 2.20	2.71
(Accum Units)	520.10	553.30†	+ 3.70	2.71
Japan	444.90	473.30	- 0.10	...
(Accum Units)	449.90	478.60	...	...
Japanese Special	252.30	268.40	- 0.40	...
(Accum Units)	253.90	269.70	- 0.30	...
Master Accum	269.50	286.70	+ 1.20	0.75
Pacific	376.10	402.20	+ 2.20	0.36
(Accum Units)	443.40	471.70	+ 2.60	0.36
Smaller Cos	124.00	131.90	- 3.19	0.88
(Accum Units)	168.10	178.80	- 4.40	0.88
UK Equity Growth	47.86	50.92†	+ 0.34	1.52
(Accum Units)	89.63	95.35†	+ 0.64	1.52

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1683

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income (Inc)	59.34	63.02†	- 0.12	4.40
Global Growth PEP	66.31	70.54	+ 0.07	...
Inv Trust PEP	52.89	56.26	- 0.17	...
Higher Risk Invest	60.07	63.90	+ 0.30	...

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	95.68	101.50	+ 0.72	0.33
Extra Income	28.29	30.10	- 0.14	2.95
Far East	33.61	35.76	- 0.01	0.24
Income & Gwth	86.16	91.66	- 0.33	2.12
Intl Growth	61.53	65.46	+ 0.17	0.40
Japan	67.91	72.24	- 0.13	...
Maximum Dist	102.00	104.00†	...	6.92
Nth Amer Equity	41.76	44.43†	...	0.13
UK Equity	101.60	108.10	- 0.50	1.97

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	685.90	699.90†	...	4.63
Intl & General	466.10	475.60†	...	0.54

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	62.90	66.91†	+ 0.43	3.74
Smaller Cos	57.94	61.31	+ 0.52	0.82

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester
GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	274.10	291.60	+ 1.90	1.54
High Income	123.00	130.90†	+ 0.80	3.39
International	104.10	110.70	+ 0.40	0.41
Recovery Trust	70.06	74.53	+ 0.57	1.17
European Trust	88.18	93.81	- 0.05	0.70
Japanese Trust	48.49	51.59†	- 0.47	...
American Trust	86.60	92.13	+ 0.17	...
Managed	72.54	77.17	- 0.30	0.37
Cash	51.59	51.59	+ 0.01	4.41

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	380.90	386.30†	...	2.49
UK Inc/Gth	418.50	424.40†	...	2.40
UK Income	297.60	301.80†	...	3.30
UK Sm Cos	285.80	275.20†	...	1.33
Euro Gwth	124.10	125.00	...	...
N Amer Gwth	83.63	84.55	...	0.14
Jap & Pac Gth	89.58	90.84	...	...
Money Mkt	117.30	117.30	...	2.340

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	517.70	550.70	+ 3.50	2.13
Equity Income	112.00	119.10†	+ 0.50	3.04
UK Tactical Allocn	62.07	65.91†	+ 0.64	3.57
European	119.10	126.70†	+ 0.70	0.69
Far Eastern	260.50	277.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	58.64	62.28†	- 0.11	5.97
Gilt	101.70	107.80	- 0.40	5.43
Global Growth	84.79	90.20	- 0.33	...
Intl Bond	58.10	61.69	+ 0.11	5.79
Japanese	78.52	83.53	- 0.06	...
North American	158.80	168.90†	- 0.50	0.25
Pacific Growth	138.90	147.80	+ 0.40	...
UK Index	68.82	72.63	+ 0.48	2.56
UK Recovery	100.40	106.80	+ 0.60	1.42
UK Smaller Cos	134.60	143.20†	+ 0.70	0.87
US Index	61.44	64.84†	- 0.03	1.63
European Index	75.72	79.92†	+ 0.63	1.29
Japan Index	43.51	45.92	+ 0.22	...
Worldwide	91.71	97.56	+ 0.41	1.31

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	52.86	56.54†	+ 0.35	2.95
Income	65.13	69.84†	+ 0.44	3.36
Far East	63.28	67.68	- 0.03	...
North American	103.80	111.60	+ 0.70	...
Global	108.60	116.20	+ 0.10	0.59
European	92.24	98.66	+ 0.72	0.79
Japan	117.10	125.20	- 0.40	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.99	64.71	+ 0.05	5.88
SE Asia	134.60	143.90	- 0.20	0.65
UK Cap Growth	100.90	107.90	+ 0.40	1.71

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	375.00	399.00	- 1.50	2.22
-do- Acc	832.50	885.70	- 3.40	2.22
Contl Euro Gth	64.04	67.42	- 0.25	1.01
-do- Acc	68.22	71.82	- 0.26	1.01
Extra Inc	285.90	304.20	- 0.50	3.16
-do- Acc	716.90	762.70	- 1.40	3.16
German Gth	122.30	126.80	+ 2.00	0.20
-do- Acc	128.20	135.00	+ 2.00	0.20
Growth Port	590.60	628.40	- 0.30	0.07
-do- Acc	593.60	633.70	- 0.40	0.07
Income	538.90	570.20	- 1.30	3.01
-do- Acc	1398.0	1488.0	- 3.00	3.01
Income Port	552.50	587.80†	- 1.00	3.46
-do- Acc	567.80	604.10	- 1.00	3.46
Japan Growth	109.90	117.00	- 1.40	...
-do- Acc	110.30	117.40	- 1.40	...
Master Trust	62.98	67.00	- 0.04	0.93
-do- Acc	69.33	73.76	- 0.05	0.93
N American Gen	202.70	215.70	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc	234.10	249.10	+ 0.90	...
Nam Sm Co Rec	154.20	164.10	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc	157.40	167.50	+ 0.90	...
Pacific Basin	309.30	329.10†	+ 1.60	0.73
-do- Acc	328.10	349.10	+ 1.60	0.73
Small Cos Rec	380.90	401.00	-10.60	1.89
-do- Acc	500.40	526.80	-14.00	1.89
UK Growth	93.76	99.75	- 0.24	1.77
-do- Acc	111.30	118.50	- 0.30	1.77
Worldwide Gth	348.60	370.90	- 0.40	0.14
-do- Acc	514.20	547.10	+ 0.70	0.14

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	68.05	73.02	+ 0.05	0.30
General	95.53	102.50	- 0.52	2.30
Income	76.67	82.26	+ 0.01	4.30
International	69.61	74.69	- 0.03	0.70
Japan	58.10	62.34	- 0.45	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	77.23	82.86	- 0.24	1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford
CM1 1FB Cust Svs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	424.60	449.00†	+ 0.60	0.66
Amer Recovery	482.70	510.50	+ 1.70	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	136.60	144.50†	+ 0.20	...
Australasian	191.90	202.80	+ 0.90	0.93
Capital	861.40	910.90†	+ 0.30	1.82
Charifund	779.50	787.30†	- 2.30	4.64
Commodity	408.20	431.70†	+ 3.50	0.31
Compound Grth	994.40	1051.6	- 3.20	2.15
Dividend	44.30	46.80	- 0.30	3.78
Equity Income	381.60	403.50	+ 0.80	4.28
Euro & General	514.70	544.30†	+ 1.40	0.48
Euro Dividend	75.10	79.40†	+ 0.20	3.22
Extra Yield	470.50	497.60	- 1.90	3.50
Far Eastern	412.90	436.60	+ 5.10	0.16
Fund of Inv Tsts	680.10	719.20	- 2.50	1.56
General	66.80	70.60†	- 0.30	3.30
Gilt Income	70.44	70.56	- 0.29	6.38
Gold	75.70	80.10†	- 1.70	0.41
High Income	31.80	33.60	- 0.10	3.97
Intl Growth	83.10	87.90†	- 0.30	0.62
International Inc	110.40	116.80	+ 0.20	3.89
Japan & Gen	49.50	52.30	- 0.40	...
Japan Smlr Cos	166.30	175.90	- 1.00	...
Managed Income	30.60	32.10†	...	3.46
Midland	69.30	73.20	- 0.20	2.34
Pension Ex	1034.6	1060.5	- 4.50	3.42
Recovery	45.60	48.20†	...	1.92
Second General	76.30	80.70†	+ 0.10	3.10
Smaller Cos	74.90	79.10†	+ 0.50	2.31
Treasury	25.02	25.06†	+ 0.01	4.82
Trustee	47.10	49.80	...	3.69

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	84.55	89.94	+ 0.76	0.23
High Income	327.20	348.00	- 0.60	3.88
Intl Bond	70.89	74.63	+ 0.47	4.22
Intl Equity Growth	74.18	78.91	+ 0.15	0.37
N Amer Growth	101.03	107.47	- 0.07	0.71
Special Sits Growth	24.03	25.56	- 0.09	1.57
UK Growth	407.40	433.30	- 2.10	2.23

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1356.7	1385.6	..	2.54

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	155.90	160.20†	.	3.59

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 414

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	211.70	226.08	- 0.90	1.92
Gilt & Fxd Int	196.40	206.70	- 0.90	6.43
Intl Growth	222.70	238.20	- 0.40	0.18
North American	187.10	200.60	- 0.80	0.32
Far East	308.50	329.90	+ 2.60	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	190.10	192.60	+ 1.80	1.39
European	82.36	88.43	+ 0.50	0.31
Japanese Growth	48.75	52.01	- 0.32	...
Managed Pfolio	73.28	79.28	- 0.19	1.29
High Income	207.90	222.60	- 0.80	3.62

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 490, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	163.30	173.70†	+ 0.46	1.62
-do- Accum	184.30	196.10†	+ 0.46	1.62
UK Sel Pfolio	140.90	149.90	+ 0.74	1.76
-do- Accum	160.60	170.90	+ 0.74	1.76

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	70.93	75.35	. .	3.11

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	82.59	87.67	- 0.27	3.39
European	86.81	92.13†	- 0.32	0.41
Income & Growth	85.40	90.66†	- 1.00	2.35
Nth American	61.15	64.92	- 0.34	0.07
Far East	191.60	203.40	- 3.60	..
Charities	130.30	138.30†	- 1.40	3.40
Japan	58.87	62.28	- 0.64	..
Emrgng Mkts	134.40	143.70†	+ 2.50	0.12
Intl Growth	118.70	126.00	+ 0.20	0.17
UK Growth	94.39	100.20	+ 0.37	1.57

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2800

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	210.80	224.20	+ 0.50	
(Accum Units)	225.20	239.70	+ 0.60	
American Opps	94.13	100.40	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	95.34	101.70	+ 0.20	...
British Blue Chip	86.91	92.53	+ 0.28	2.72
(Accum Units)	104.50	111.30	+ 0.30	2.72
Cash	100.20	100.20†	...	5.03
(Accum Units)	122.90	132.90†	+ 0.10	5.03
Emerging Mkts	144.30	155.30	+ 2.50	..
European Growth	257.90	273.40	+ 0.80	0.58
(Accum Units)	277.60	294.30	+ 0.80	0.58
European Income	88.67	93.84†	+ 0.42	2.60
(Accum Units)	116.10	122.80†	+ 0.50	2.60
General	569.70	607.40	- 0.80	1.99
(Accum Units)	1090	1162	- 2.00	1.99
Global Bond	134.70	141.70	+ 0.20	5.62
(Accum Units)	155.10	163.20	+ 0.30	5.62
Gold & General	205.00	220.40	+ 4.20	0.43
(Accum Units)	209.60	225.40	+ 4.30	0.43
Govt Securities	102.80	106.00	- 0.50	6.71
(Accum Units)	190.50	198.50	- 0.80	6.71
Income	170.80	181.70	- 0.30	3.75
(Accum Units)	255.40	271.80	- 0.70	3.75
International	476.50	508.60	- 1.50	0.55
(Accum Units)	637.90	679.30	- 1.90	0.55
Japan	194.70	206.50†	- 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	199.80	211.90†	+ 0.20	...
New Europe	184.80	197.10†	- 0.10	1.52
(Accum Units)	189.00	201.60†	...	...
Pacific	148.40	158.30	+ 2.50	0.53
(Accum Units)	157.80	168.30	+ 2.70	0.53
Recovery	367.10	391.60	+ 2.10	2.29
(Accum Units)	465.60	496.60	+ 2.70	2.29
UK Smaller Cos	65.17	69.51	+ 0.21	1.57
(Accum Units)	73.17	78.05	+ 0.24	1.57
Portfolio	88.28	93.92	- 0.20	2.41
(Accum Units)	101.30	107.80	- 0.20	2.41

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	121.18	128.92	+ 0.29	0.80
Intl Strategy	69.38	73.81†	+ 1.16	0.62
UK Income Inc	85.43	90.88	- 0.54	5.36

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	13.23	14.07	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0626 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	319.10	339.50†	+ 1.30	...
European Gth Inc	387.20	412.00	+ 1.80	...
Intl Gwth	206.60	219.60	- 0.40	...
UK Equity Inc	196.50	207.50	- 0.10	3.24
UK Ind Trckr Inc	173.10	185.00†	- 0.60	2.64
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	204.50	216.90	+ 0.30	1.42
Japan Tracker	79.81	84.55	- 0.41	...
Asian Trader	250.30	271.00	+ 2.80	0.36
Managed Inc	157.00	168.90	+ 0.30	1.53
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09†	+ 0.01	5.05
Europa	179.30	192.00	- 0.20	...
Genesis	165.80	180.30	- 0.50	...
High Income	24.38	25.87	- 0.12	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	102.30	104.60	- 0.10	1.97
Acumen Inc	98.54	100.70	- 0.10	1.97
Acumen Reserve	90.66	91.58†	- 0.36	6.47
-do- Inc	82.69	83.53†	- 0.33	6.47
American Income	184.70	189.60†	- 1.10	1.33
Cash Income	49.51	50.01†	- 0.50	4.85
Equity Income	109.60	112.50	- 0.40	4.08
European	77.04	78.44	+ 0.32	0.76
Smaller Cos	86.93	90.55	+ 0.42	0.86
Olympiad	74.28	76.39†	+ 0.05	0.03
Global Bond	50.07	50.62†	- 0.30	5.85
UK Growth	98.60	101.50	- 0.20	1.42
Pacific Growth	125.60	130.20	+ 1.20	...
Japan Growth	100.30	102.20	- 1.00	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	128.74	136.96†	+ 1.13	3.63

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695
Dlg: 0705 882 680

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	114.60	121.90†	+ 0.30	1.46
Open Cap Gth Inc	116.70	124.10†	+ 0.20	1.29
NM Unit Trusts				
American	46.10	49.12	- 0.07	1.60
Australian	384.10	412.10	+ 0.90	...
Conscience	79.32	84.65	+ 2.07	0.41
European	207.70	220.90	+ 2.20	0.68
Extra Income	83.53	89.14†	+ 0.27	4.98
Gilt & FI	62.79	66.26†	- 0.30	5.58
Gold	69.84	75.09	+ 1.33	...
Income	62.29	66.44	+ 0.27	3.50
Intnl	35.16	37.60	+ 0.17	0.66
Jap Smaller Cos	359.30	383.20	- 0.50	...
Sing & Malaysian	260.90	279.70	+ 6.00	...
Smaller Cos	33.39	35.90	+ 0.74	0.56
Special Sits	40.29	43.32	+ 0.24	1.41
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40†	...	4.75
Tokyo	88.09	93.96	- 0.69	...
UK Equity	191.60	204.30†	+ 1.00	2.43
US Smaller Cos	116.70	124.80	+ 1.10	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	82.40	87.66	+ 0.80	1.57
UK Income	122.20	130.00	+ 0.90	3.03
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.84	88.73	- 0.21	5.69
Higher Income	245.10	260.80†	+ 1.30	3.98
Smaller Cos	91.00	96.81	+ 0.35	1.26
International	108.40	115.40	- 1.10	1.14

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HR 071 623 4200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	113.60	121.50	+ 0.30	...
European Dist	109.80	117.40	+ 1.00	...
Far East Dist	196.50	210.20†	- 0.60	...
Global Care Dist	77.85	83.26	+ 0.23	1.72
Oseas Dist	1077.5	1152.4	+ 1.60	0.40
UK Dist	377.70	404.00	+ 2.90	2.19
UK Extra Inc Dist	82.77	88.52†	+ 0.14	3.49
Wwide Dist	110.10	117.70	+ 0.10	...
Wwide Inc Dist	75.77	81.04	+ 0.68	1.88

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	63.27	66.78	+ 0.24	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	62.45	65.91†	+ 0.27	0.50
North America Inc	52.55	55.46	+ 0.08	0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc	66.46	69.09	+ 0.57	1.49
UK General Inc	64.09	67.64	+ 0.43	1.79
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	53.12	55.92†	- 0.25	5.88
UK Income Inc	65.28	68.90†	+ 0.50	2.24

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	251.30	267.35†	+ 1.48	3.20
Global	372.38	396.15	+ 1.98	1.04
General	207.88	221.15†	+ 1.42	1.17
Bond	135.88	144.22	+ 0.45	6.03
Growth	136.34	145.05	+ 0.96	1.55
Intrepid	128.05	134.33	...	1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	131.61	140.00	+ 0.46	1.11
UK Equity	152.88	162.64	+ 0.71	2.63
UK Equity Income	146.53	155.88	+ 0.63	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	132.49	140.95†	+ 0.45	1.38
UK Equity Growth	140.16	149.11	+ 0.87	2.30
UK Index Trckg	153.62	163.43	- 0.07	2.91
Intl Index Trckg	149.60	159.15	- 0.05	0.94
International	245.34	261.00	+ 0.61	0.54
European	187.45	199.41†	+ 1.24	0.53
Pan European	134.31	142.88	+ 0.88	1.14
Nth American	164.53	175.03	- 0.22	0.46
N Amer Smlr Cos	187.77	199.76†	+ 0.62	...
Japanese	98.40	104.68	- 0.20	...
Pacific	266.03	283.01	+ 1.71	...
South East Asian	298.00	317.02	+ 2.84	0.17
Intl Bond	139.55	148.46†	+ 0.08	4.55
Gilt & Convertible	117.17	124.65†	- 0.51	8.56
Property	83.35	88.67	+ 0.03	5.49

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough
PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	261.40	278.10	- 1.00	1.90
Growth	167.50	178.20	+ 0.40	2.09
Income	266.00	281.90	- 0.30	2.88
Intl Equity	262.00	278.70	- 0.20	0.53
UK Income	72.79	77.43†	- 0.12	2.49
UK Intl 25	84.28	89.66	- 0.26	1.47
New Europe	76.25	81.11	- 0.05	0.28

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	638.14	682.51	+ 2.85	0.20
Income	377.23	403.46	+ 0.95	2.46
Wwide Recovery	401.56	429.48	+ 2.29	0.08
Amer Growth Inc	235.44	251.81†	+ 0.95	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	266.26	284.91	+ 1.30	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	321.65	344.02	+ 0.20	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	148.64	158.98	+ 1.29	0.52
UK Growth Inc	96.09	102.78	+ 0.86	2.11
High Income	103.36	110.55†	+ 0.34	3.38
Jap Gwth Inc	235.53	250.39	- 1.32	0.01
PEP Growth	126.60	135.41	+ 0.39	0.65
Asian Str Mkts Inc	150.97	161.47†	+ 0.69	0.01
Amer Smllr Co Inc	143.37	153.34	+ 0.40	0.01
Global Bond	65.31	66.80	- 0.15	5.24
UK Smaller Cos Inc	85.61	91.57	+ 0.29	0.89

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	110.53	117.58	+ 0.37	..
European	72.15	76.75†	...	0.25
Global	73.05	77.71	+ 0.42	...
Pacific	72.60	77.23	+ 0.70	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	70.68	75.19	+ 0.30	1.81

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 550 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	112.51	119.83	...	...

PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	168.54	171.98†	..	0.62

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	64.87	68.76	+ 0.46	1.72
Growth Income	65.65	69.58	+ 0.23	1.29

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	148.37	157.85†	- 1.49	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	100.80	107.30†	+ 0.50	2.68
Conv & Gilt	131.40	139.80	- 0.20	4.98
European Income	79.89	84.99	+ 0.41	2.24
Extra Income	169.30	180.10†	+ 0.40	3.34
Far East	435.50	463.30	- 2.10	0.20
Global Income	29.76	31.66†	+ 0.12	3.93
High Income	128.70	136.90	...	3.07
International	224.90	239.30	- 0.10	0.34
Pref & Fxd Int	46.44	49.40†	- 0.03	6.83
Recovery	89.39	95.09	+ 0.58	1.53
Special Sits	117.90	125.40	+ 0.40	1.36
Technology	355.10	377.80	+ 2.50	...
UK Blue Chip	74.86	79.64	- 0.11	2.41

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	58.09	61.80	+ 0.31	2.46
International	97.40	103.62	- 0.06	0.65
Gilt	27.43	28.28†	- 0.14	6.86
Income & Gwth	83.64	88.98†	+ 1.85	3.46
European	54.15	57.61	+ 0.38	1.11
American	56.02	59.60	- 0.10	0.05
Emerging Mkts	107.26	114.11	+ 1.69	0.44
UK Smaller Cos	35.11	37.35	+ 0.28	1.44
Gilt/Fixed Interest	29.55	31.44	- 0.04	5.06
Global PEP	43.32	46.09	- 0.64	1.36

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	262.00	280.30	+ 0.20	0.68
Japan Inc	110.20	117.80	- 0.10	...
Nth American Inc	119.10	128.10	+ 0.40	0.12
Worldwide Inc	176.60	190.20	+ 0.30	0.85
Hong Kong Inc	194.30	210.10	+ 1.50	0.76
Swiss Equities Inc	71.35	76.50	+ 0.23	0.32
Wwide Bond Inc	67.38	71.58	- 0.04	6.15
Emging Asia Inc	225.40	245.20	+ 2.70	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.01	51.03†	+ 0.01	5.41
Thailand Inc	158.60	171.30	+ 7.10	0.78
Gold Trust Inc	90.72	97.93	+ 2.44	0.18
New Zealand Inc	100.30	107.20	- 0.80	0.44
Int Mngd PEP Inc	71.35	77.30	+ 0.51	3.47
Latin Am Cmp Inc	104.70	111.80†	+ 1.90	0.03
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	64.72	69.58	+ 0.41	1.84
Le Fond Francais	74.41	80.11	+ 1.07	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	83.20	88.98	+ 0.72	1.42
Global Portfolio	76.40	81.71	+ 0.70	...
Global Opps	75.46	80.71	+ 0.71	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	75.97	80.56	+ 0.35	1.21
AAM Global Equity	62.27	66.01	+ 0.93	0.73
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	99.25	105.00	+ 1.20	0.85
CAM Brit Inc Inc	50.24	52.95†	+ 1.03	1.90
CAM Int Recy Inc	94.59	99.00	+ 0.22	0.85
Temple Equity Inc	52.64	57.28†	+ 0.24	2.78
Hartley Growth	84.41	89.80	+ 0.13	1.17
Intl Growth Inc	85.27	91.20	..	1.42
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.32	97.26†	+ 1.16	0.73
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	52.35	54.79†	+ 0.72	...
Premier Perfmn Inc	74.44	79.62†	- 0.31	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	79.00	84.59	+ 0.48	0.73
Tech Analysis	116.70	124.20	+ 0.60	0.72
Rosebery Growth	48.14	52.05	+ 0.89	...
International Strat	83.62	89.42	+ 0.38	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	59.70	63.98	+ 0.61	...
Coverdale Topour	85.62	89.62	- 0.17	...
Prem Equity Inc	101.20	107.70	+ 0.20	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.93	50.45	+ 0.15	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3903

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	179.10	190.50	+ 0.60	1.43
European Gth	100.90	106.80	+ 0.10	0.42
Income & Gth	149.70	159.30	- 0.20	2.44
Japan Gth	125.90	133.30	- 0.90	...
Nth Amer Gth	123.80	131.70	+ 0.20	...
Overseas Gth	93.64	99.62	- 0.02	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925 091

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	38.70	41.39	+ 0.15	1.30
Cash Haven Inc	101.67	102.17	+ 0.01	4.03
Cash Haven Acc	107.84	108.37	+ 0.01	4.03
Global Growth	95.73	102.38†	+ 0.44	0.78
Equity Inc	95.75	102.40	+ 1.66	3.09
Equity	796.31	851.66	+ 5.41	2.06
European	216.56	231.61	+ 1.00	0.76
High Income	101.65	108.71†	+ 1.35	3.76
Intl Grth	193.67	207.13†	+ 1.13	0.92
Intl Sm Co	84.51	90.38	+ 0.04	0.26
Japanese	212.99	227.79	- 0.93	...
Nth Amer	164.77	176.22	- 0.25	0.68
Pacific Mkts	120.02	128.36†	+ 0.77	0.66
Premier Inc	53.72	55.92†	- 0.11	5.75
Sm Cos	98.97	105.85	+ 0.38	1.75
Spec Sits	119.99	128.33†	+ 0.36	1.90
UK Growth	132.38	141.58	- 0.04	1.83

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	337.60	358.10	- 1.00	2.56
Reliance Inc	186.40	198.20	...	1.71

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2855

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	106.20	112.70†	+ 1.70	1.73

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	539.14	574.50	+ 2.06	0.77
FA America (Acc)	628.27	669.46	+ 2.40	0.77
FA UK Equity Inc	178.95	191.23	- 0.28	2.79
FA Japan	282.63	301.04	- 0.89	...
FA Major UK Cos	105.70	112.76	- 0.63	1.86
FA Smllr UK Cos	322.51	349.25	+ 0.89	0.79
FA European	319.29	337.97	+ 0.89	0.47
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.30	51.77	+ 0.34	...
FA Asia	59.79	64.23	+ 0.08	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	51.65	55.16	- 0.03	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	103.58	109.02	- 0.61	...
UK Smllr Cos	90.90	95.68	+ 0.25	...
UK Income	102.75	108.15	- 0.16	...
America	107.62	113.28	+ 0.41	...
Japanese	61.93	65.18	- 0.20	...
European	101.26	106.58	+ 0.27	...
Gilt	91.50	96.31	- 0.49	...
Deposit	79.30	83.47	+ 0.01	...
Managed	106.54	112.13	- 0.43	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	101.10	106.41	- 0.59	...
UK Smaller Cos	89.05	93.73	+ 0.26	...
UK Income	100.50	105.78	- 0.16	...
America	105.02	110.54	+ 0.39	...
Japanese	60.46	63.64	- 0.18	...
European	98.88	104.08	+ 0.39	...
Gilt	90.22	94.96	- 0.26	...
Deposit	75.82	79.81	...	...
Managed	101.12	106.44	- 0.38	..

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 393 000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	75.47	80.52	+ 0.03	0.11
Pacific Basin	90.44	96.96	+ 1.36	...
High Inc Dist	142.30	152.10	+ 0.10	3.99
Ryl Life Int Crncy	65.34	69.35	- 0.24	3.24
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.99	75.81	- 0.02	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.93	70.13	+ 0.21	...
UK Emerging Cos	129.20	139.60	- 1.10	1.35
UK Index Trckg	179.30	191.10	+ 2.40	2.90
European	125.30	134.40	+ 0.60	0.28
Managed	152.70	164.20†	+ 0.40	0.78

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	154.10	163.10†	- 1.10	0.27
European Growth	111.00	117.30	- 0.40	0.49
Far East Growth	154.30	164.20†	+ 0.70	...
Japan Growth	152.20	161.70	- 2.30	...
Special Sits	214.60	228.20	+ 0.50	1.14
UK Growth	83.82	89.17	- 0.06	1.61
Triton General	251.30	267.40	+ 0.40	0.27

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	196.40	207.80	+ 2.00	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	356.60	377.40	+ 2.20	0.42
Growth Inc	134.80	142.60	+ 0.10	0.02
International Inc	352.30	372.80	- 0.70	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	340.20	360.00	+ 0.20	0.42
UK Gen Prog Inc	223.80	236.80	+ 0.40	0.70
UK High Inc Inc	152.40	161.30	+ 1.10	3.11

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ
071 330 0572

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	66.59	70.84	- 0.12	...
Amer Smllr Cos	85.37	90.82	- 0.24	...
Asian Gwth	130.56	138.89	+ 1.61	0.75
European Gwth	73.13	77.80	+ 0.16	1.00
Global Bd	63.48	67.10	+ 0.12	5.00
Global Eq	71.40	75.96	+ 0.25	0.50
Japanese Eq	60.76	64.64	- 0.35	...
Japan Sm Cos	71.88	76.47	- 0.20	...
UK Gen	60.49	64.35	- 0.21	2.80
UK Gwth	65.44	69.62	+ 0.07	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	73.93	78.65	+ 0.16	3.48
Amer Smllr Cos	112.20	119.40†	+ 0.70	...
Asian Smaller Cos	63.86	67.94	+ 1.21	...
Capital Portfolio	143.20	152.30	- 1.30	1.58
Capital	179.00	190.40	- 1.00	0.91
Cash	121.80	121.80	+ 0.10	5.09
China Dragon	81.36	86.55	- 0.25	0.78
Commodity	142.30	151.40	+ 1.30	0.52
Eastern Discovery	127.10	135.20	+ 0.70	...
Energy Inds	123.60	131.50†	+ 0.40	0.29
European Gwth	200.80	213.60	..	0.62
Euro Inc & Gwth	82.80	88.09†	+ 0.02	1.39
Euro Smllr Cos	53.17	56.56	+ 0.06	0.50
Financial Secs	224.10	238.40	- 0.70	0.98
Gth & Fxd Int Inc	55.19	58.27	- 0.05	7.29
Gold & Exploration	90.44	96.21†	+ 1.44	0.27
High Return	254.60	270.80†	- 0.60	3.02
High Yield	251.00	267.00	- 0.70	3.09
Income	132.80	141.30†	- 0.20	3.45
Intl Bond	177.50	187.60	- 0.40	5.01
ITU	236.10	251.20	- 1.20	0.50
Japan Growth	176.20	187.40	..	...
Japan Smaller	202.00	214.90	+ 1.20	...
Korea	86.50	92.02	- 1.12	...
Masterfund	58.73	62.48	+ 0.09	0.72
Scotbits	333.50	354.80†	- 1.50	0.80
Scotshares	317.20	338.00	- 1.40	1.58
Scotyields	263.80	280.60	- 1.20	3.32
Select Intl	156.10	166.10	...	0.50
Smaller Cos Inc	275.60	293.20	+ 1.20	3.15
SE Asia	709.70	755.00	+ 8.20	...
Special Situation	134.00	142.60	- 0.30	0.54
UK Equity	264.30	281.20†	- 1.20	2.00
UK Growth	72.05	76.65	- 0.26	1.32
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	51.88	55.19†	+ 0.07	0.97
US Growth	153.00	162.80	...	0.06
Univ Growth	155.80	165.70	- 0.40	0.33

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 546 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	261.15	277.84	+ 1.64	0.72
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	76.75	81.77	+ 0.90	0.62
Euro Smllr Cos	72.78	77.61	+ 0.48	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	111.04	118.44†	+ 2.97	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	59.06	62.34	- 0.29	6.60
Global Bond	54.87	56.66†	+ 0.24	5.01
Global Emer Mkts	66.73	71.17	+ 1.47	...
Income	396.43	422.85	+ 3.17	3.13
Japan Smllr Cos	493.26	526.14†	- 0.71	...
Japan Enterprise	72.56	77.39	- 1.38	...
Pacific Gwth	151.98	162.11†	+ 1.63	...
Seoul	57.42	61.24	+ 1.53	...
Smaller Cos	231.38	246.80	+ 1.76	0.57
Tokyo	122.78	130.96	- 0.93	...
UK Enterprise	270.17	288.18†	+ 2.98	1.83
UK Equity	262.11	279.58†	+ 2.79	2.17
US Smllr Cos	159.43	170.05	+ 1.96	...
World Fd	86.39	92.14†	+ 0.49	1.67
Institutional Funds				
European	240.54	250.56†	+ 0.55	1.06
Euro Smllr Cos	29.81	31.05	+ 0.14	1.47
Global Equity Inc	51.37	54.76	+ 0.14	0.64
Japan Smllr Cos	38.00	39.58†	- 0.10	0.07
Mngd Balanced	201.10	209.47	- 0.99	2.42
Overseas Equity	196.32	204.50†	+ 0.35	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	128.16	133.49	+ 0.46	0.28
Pacific	294.52	306.79	+ 3.51	0.64
Recovery	2141.9	2231.2†	-22.44	2.19
UK Index	168.04	175.04	- 0.66	2.73
UK Small Cos	128.50	133.85	+ 0.74	2.29
US Smllr Cos	45.48	47.37	+ 0.56	0.17

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	55.80	59.43	- 0.12	2.70
Equity Trust	64.27	68.45	- 0.20	2.01
Equity Strategy	73.64	78.43	- 0.14	0.83
European Opps	88.70	94.47	- 0.02	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	69.68	74.21	- 0.34	0.91
Maximum Income	97.76	100.29	+ 0.01	4.98
Japanese	79.46	84.62	- 0.45	0.01
Asia Pacific	151.96	161.86	- 0.43	0.47
American	111.17	118.40	- 0.74	0.15

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	29.88	29.88	...	4.863
UK General Inc	56.59	60.36	- 0.28	2.13
Intl Income	302.70	322.80	- 1.80	2.64
European	78.09	82.63†	- 0.16	1.16
Japan	72.33	76.76	- 0.16	0.08
American	70.18	74.61	- 0.02	1.79
Far East	104.96	111.96	+ 1.74	0.11
Ethical Inc	34.09	36.46†	+ 0.12	1.55
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.98	38.48†	- 0.11	2.20
High Inc Inc	41.28	44.03	- 0.08	2.99
UK Global Inc	43.19	46.07†	- 0.13	1.15
Wwide Tact	85.06	89.83	+ 0.47	0.22
Europe 2000 Tact	54.41	57.72	- 0.07	0.90
Technology	107.19	114.34	+ 0.46	0.24

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	416.70	444.90	+ 2.60	2.29
American	282.80	303.30	+ 1.00	0.54
Pacific	442.70	473.50	+ 1.00	0.36
European	556.00	594.70	+ 3.70	0.77
Worldwide	101.50	108.60	+ 0.30	0.62

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	298.50	317.40†	- 1.20	2.01
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	223.30	237.60†	+ 0.80	1.17
Select Opptnty Inc	76.26	81.57	+ 0.10	1.70
Income Plus Inc	80.47	85.61	- 0.10	2.84
European Inc	364.10	387.40	+ 1.80	1.05
Far Eastern Inc	199.90	212.70	+ 1.70	0.80
Japanese Inc	65.80	70.01	- 0.41	...
Nth American Inc	261.60	278.40	+ 0.50	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	222.40	236.60†	+ 0.70	0.70
Wwide Venture Inc	87.30	92.88	- 0.20	1.15

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2340

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Growth Inc	26.28	28.13	- 0.05	2.35
Intl Growth Inc	33.54	35.90	- 0.18	0.63
Market Leaders Inc	25.18	26.95	- 0.05	2.30

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 668 3724

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	406.90	434.00	- 0.30	2.49
UK High Inc	212.70	226.80	+ 0.10	3.19
Europe Inc	349.30	372.50	+ 1.00	0.64
Nth Amer Inc	226.30	241.40	+ 0.30	0.04
Global Inc	226.60	241.70	+ 0.20	0.84
UK Spec Sits Inc	115.30	123.00	+ 0.50	2.58
South East Asia	263.20	280.70	+ 2.40	1.83
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60	...	4.53
UK Smllr Cos Inc	117.40	125.20	+ 1.00	1.46
Intl Bond Inc	101.70	108.00	- 0.30	5.60

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	183.00	192.20†	+ 0.70	3.47

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
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Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	129.50	136.30†	+ 0.10	1.39
Nth American	109.10	114.80†	+ 0.50	0.91
Intl Bond & Conv	140.90	148.30	+ 0.50	4.67
Pooled Pension (E)	200.80	214.80	...	...
Smaller Cos	77.46	81.54	+ 0.36	1.19
UK General	142.50	150.00	- 0.70	1.85

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	470.02	500.02	+ 3.47	3.69
Global Inc	74.73	79.50	+ 0.56	2.36
Brit Leaders	371.18	394.87	+ 3.63	2.04
Intl Leaders	220.72	234.81	+ 1.28	0.57
PAM Mg Bal Grth	69.12	71.81	- 0.35	0.89

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	123.70	...	- 1.30	..
Global Bond ‡	108.80	...	- 0.30	6.85
Samurai ‡	93.38	...	- 0.31	...
UK Growth ‡	133.60	...	- 1.80	3.20
Tai Pan ‡	118.80	..	- 1.20	

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	303.80	321.40	+ 0.20	0.50
Canadian	86.37	91.39	+ 0.34	0.12
Capital	146.90	157.60†	- 0.80	0.92
Cash	101.53	101.53	+ 0.01	4.87
European	138.90	146.90	+ 0.60	0.23
Far Eastern	188.40	199.40	+ 2.00	...
Growth	160.50	169.80	+ 0.40	0.72
Income	144.30	152.60	+ 0.10	4.02
Magnum	157.80	169.40	+ 0.30	0.89
Smllr Secs	400.50	423.70	+ 2.00	0.24
Thoroughbred	182.70	196.20	+ 0.10	0.73

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.03	50.53	+ 0.01	4.34
Capitl Primus	62.89	67.08†	+ 0.06	7.10
Ethical	64.62	68.74	+ 0.40	2.80
European Growth	75.23	80.24	- 0.52	2.00
Income	62.96	67.15	+ 0.40	4.90
Intl Growth	101.80	108.50	+ 0.40	2.30
Managed	86.63	92.41	+ 0.43	2.90
UK Growth	68.77	73.29†	+ 0.52	3.20

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	54.43	57.84	...	1.21
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.29	84.25	+ 0.10	0.88
-do- High Inc Inc	43.07	45.77	...	2.65
-do- High Inc Acc	51.72	54.96	+ 0.10	2.65
UK Equity Gen Acc	67.33	71.54	- 0.10	1.66
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.75	53.93	- 0.10	1.66
UK Lrgr Co Acc	465.10	504.70	- 0.20	2.95
UK Lrgr Co Inc	352.90	382.90	- 0.20	2.95
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.86	36.87	- 0.10	5.25
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	322.80	350.30	+ 0.40	1.11
Nth American Acc	46.60	49.52	- 0.40	0.56
Far East Acc	73.34	77.93	+ 0.60	0.04
European Acc	51.66	54.89	..	0.50

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (US$)	4.084	4.338	+0.126	1.21
US Eqts (US$)	2.411	2.559	+0.079	0.64
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.40	266.00	-10.30	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	256.00	271.90	+10.70	...
FT Europe	136.90	145.40	+ 4.60	1.66
FT N Amer (US$)	1.821	1.931	-0.035	1.15
FT Japan (yen)	245.50	260.80	-11.70	...
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.850	3.027	+0.162	0.68

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	377.70	403.10	+ 0.10	0.06
British	1155.4	1222.4	+ 6.10	2.98
Emerging Mkts	180.30	192.00	+ 2.60	0.20
European	518.90	553.60	+ 2.90	1.01
Japan	162.00	172.00	- 0.60	...
New Pacific	441.80	470.50	+ 3.40	0.68
Investment Tst	257.20	272.60	+ 0.60	0.90
Mngd Equity	190.50	201.50	+ 0.60	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.69	95.69†	+ 0.01	4.63
Majority Stg	99.88	100.88†	...	4.33

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	907.30	970.40†	+ 4.80	2.26
North America	135.10	144.50†	- 0.10	0.24
Far East	167.60	179.30†	- 2.00	...
Wwide Bond	63.28	69.18	+ 0.04	5.04
European	107.10	114.50	+ 0.80	...
Equity Income	104.60	111.90	+ 0.70	3.19
Portfolio	93.26	99.74	+ 0.46	0.44
UK Leading Cos	64.20	68.30	+ 0.46	2.74
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Intnl Equity	73.46	78.57	+ 0.52	...

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	36.63	39.18	+ 0.06	0.43
Managed Assets	139.35	149.04†	- 0.52	2.25
UK Income	43.67	46.71	- 0.22	2.36
UK Growth	43.08	46.03	- 0.19	1.77
Worldwide Growth	37.15	39.74	- 0.01	0.21

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Portfolio	53.22	56.92	+ 0.52	...
Cap Protector Inc	47.79	51.11	+ 0.38	2.17
UK Income Inc	58.66	62.74†	+ 0.54	2.48
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	35.70	38.18†	+ 0.30	3.31
Mngd High Yld Inc	89.68	95.91	+ 0.69	3.42
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	85.89	91.91	+ 0.69	2.46
Mngd Wwide Gth	39.81	42.58	+ 0.34	..
UK Smaller Cos	38.62	41.31	+ 0.18	1.44
Pacific Grth Port	53.06	56.75	+ 0.70	...

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	605.10	640.30	+ 3.30	1.82
Fixed Int Dist	128.80	133.50	- 0.10	6.76
UK Inds Trck Dist	144.40	152.80†	+ 1.00	2.39

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	230.29	244.99	- 0.98	...
Brit Growth	104.41	111.07	- 0.06	1.50
European	114.48	121.79	+ 0.79	0.08
Extra Income	228.18	242.74	+ 1.18	3.30
Smaller Cos	82.38	87.64	+ 0.39	0.63
General	320.21	340.65†	+ 2.57	1.88
Premier Income	57.35	59.74†	- 0.13	5.30
Income	393.83	418.97	+ 2.09	2.96
Pacific	466.98	496.68	+ 2.86	...
International	589.72	627.36	+ 1.66	0.02
Nat Resources	184.54	196.32	+ 0.42	..
Sicnd Opps	124.01	131.92	+ 0.81	0.80
Environmental Inv	69.82	74.28	- 0.35	1.09
Selector	71.72	76.30	- 0.43	1.80
High Income	74.10	78.83	+ 0.31	3.65
Intl Income	64.58	68.71	+ 0.09	4.52
Selector Income	69.58	74.02	+ 0.22	4.44

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	369.80	389.20	+ 2.60	2.37

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA
031 228 3932

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Glob Growth Inc	212.91	227.71	+ 0.79	1.40
Glob Balncd Inc	181.75	194.39	+ 0.51	2.13
Value Tst Inc	128.39	137.32	+ 0.90	1.26

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smllr Cos	69.75	74.40	+ 0.14	...
European Opps	...	...	...	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.75	47.01	+ 0.02	8.06
Japan Tst	88.48	94.31	- 0.04	..
Little Dragons	118.35	126.24	- 0.96	0.37
Oriental Income	54.08	57.68	+ 0.21	4.29
Tiger	331.98	354.11	+ 2.56	0.45
UK Blue Chip	69.74	74.52†	+ 0.48	2.65
UK Smllr Cos	109.39	116.88	+ 0.26	1.72
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	232.45	247.28†	- 0.76	0.64
European Growth	289.77	307.39	+ 2.27	0.82
Exempt	590.47	616.55†	+ 3.20	3.11
Far Eastern	...	...	...	...
UK High Yield	118.17	125.71†	+ 0.54	3.04
Iberian Growth	51.72	55.02	- 0.31	...
Intl Growth	115.60	123.09	+ 0.14	1.00
Preference	134.08	142.61	+ 0.21	7.57
UK Recovery	299.32	318.43	+ 1.99	1.96
UK Smlr Cos Div	112.64	119.82†	+ 0.26	4.05
Smaller Cos	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	564.82	600.87†	+ 3.82	1.98

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GJ
071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe	371.70	391.30	...	2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	35.00	37.23	+ 0.84	0.50
Pacific Basin	44.86	47.72	+ 0.18	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	39.47	41.98	+ 0.76	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9543	0.994	-0.005	5.89
Penny Share	31.80	33.82	+ 0.13	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0462

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	106.00	108.50	- 0.50	...
Short Dtd Gilt	116.00	118.10	- 0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7231	0.7322	...	2.27
Gilt Income	56.44	58.73	- 0.21	6.25
Gilt Growth	79.03	82.23	- 0.62	..
City Reserve	51.97	51.97†	...	4.36

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	85.56	91.01	+ 0.83	1.51

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Solving the goodwill problem

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IN ITS latest discussion paper, the Accounting Standards Board has tried to pull off the big conjuring truck of 1994.

It suggests that, if in the course of acquiring another company, a business obtains valuable concessions, patents, licenses and trademarks, they become invisible.

Admittably the board has not described its sleight of hand in this way, it uses the phrase "subsumed within purchased goodwill", which has the merit of sounding exceptionally technical. But as the board admits that it cannot agree what to do about goodwill, there may be no disappearing rabbit.

The problem facing the Accounting Standards Board is the great need it has to resolve the goodwill controversy. At the same time it wants to ensure that companies do not merely replace goodwill with brands.

However, brands are not the only intangible asset in the hat. A recent survey published by Touche Ross reveals other intangible assets are more important to companies and will continue to be so. To make them disappear on the acquisition of another company will not improve financial disclosure.

The regulations for concessions, patents, licenses and trademarks come under the Companies Act 1985.

This states that such assets may be included in the balance sheet under this heading either if the assets were acquired for valuable consideration and are not required to be shown under goodwill, or if the assets were created by the company itself.

The board is attempting a drastic narrowing of this Companies Act entitlement. When such assets are internally created, the discussion paper proposes that their treatment should be consistent with internally generated goodwill and not capitalised.

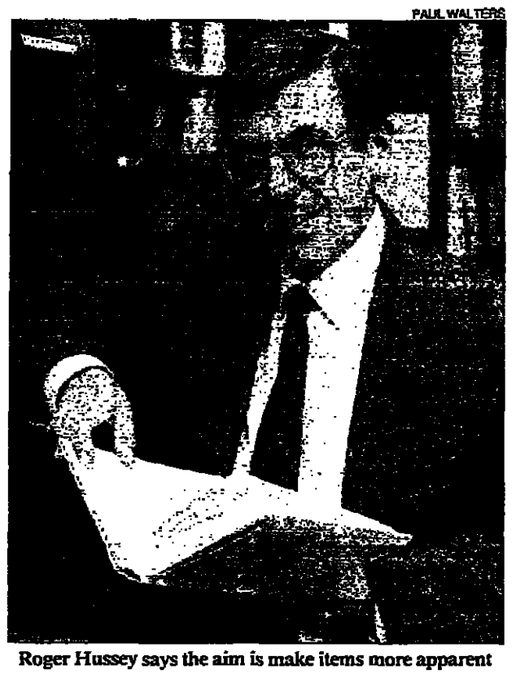
The board's arguments for not permitting intangible assets acquired during the purchase of another company are two-fold.

One is that it is not feasible to separate them without dispensing with part of the business. The second is that the measurement of such intangible assets is not sufficiently reliable. On both counts the board can be challenged.

Concessions, patents, licenses and trademarks have been part of business activity for a considerable time and are generally regarded as separately identifiable.

Often there are legal rights attached to them and there may be a market value which can readily be assessed. Indeed, the acquisition of another company may be made with the prime intention of obtaining such intangible assets and any purchased goodwill may be insignificant in comparison.

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Roger Hussey says the aim is make items more apparent

Undoubtedly there is a need to resolve the controversy surrounding intangible assets and the Touche Ross survey shows that there is a range of current practices and that cannot be helpful to users of accounts.

The survey also shows that more companies wished to capitalise both self-generated and acquired assets of this kind than are doing so at *present*.

Our opinion is that the board's proposals are too simplistic and have not taken into account the different natures of the various types of intangible assets.

We believe that there are strong arguments for requiring companies to capitalise self-generated and acquired concessions, patents, licenses and trademarks.

To be fair to the Accounting Standards Board, they have set out to stimulate debate and their record so far leads us to believe that they will listen to suggestions.

The board has asked for comments by April 30 and we hope that when these have been assessed we will see far more sophisticated proposals than those that are presently on offer.

The aim should not be to hide important items from the user of accounts, but to make them more apparent.

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Controllers bridle at informal chats

WE ALL know you can divide accountants into two types. Some are enablers. Most are controllers. In other words some accountants see their role as enabling an organisation to thrive, flourish and grow. The others see their purpose as simply putting the clammy hand of control over as much of the organisation as they possibly can. This leads to stagnation. The place may be impeccable when it comes to financial systems, but won't be going very far when it comes to growth.

One of the areas of a company which controllers dislike intensely is informal communication. Enablers, on the other hand, encourage informal methods of communicating financial systems. For a start they know informal methods are much faster than formal.

And now some research has been published which supports this view. *Accounting Control and Management Philosophies* is based on extensive studies of 12 multi-divisional companies drawn from the top 300 companies in *The Times 1000*. In the past it has been assumed that although people knew informal communication characterised the more financially successful organisations, the fact that accountants tend to be of the controller variety meant financial information was not part of *the informality. The new* research suggests this is not necessarily so. "Managers at different organisational levels differed in their perceptions of the importance of reports and formal meetings in monitoring performance and setting budgets", said the authors. Meetings and dialogue became more important at progressively higher levels while formal reports reduced in importance.



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"This is an interesting finding which begs the question why do most central managers insist on uniformity of formal reports and conformity to strict reporting deadlines?" The answer is probably at this level accountants of the controller mentality get stuck. Things are different further up the line. "Dialogue between managers and superiors at the next layer was commonplace in planning and forecasting", it said. "While this appeared to erode autonomy, it facilitated participation and evocation of alternatives and provided a means of negotiating compromises on allocation of resources."

Equally informal communication within the financial reporting system was much more important when it came to strategy or budgets. Just as summit conferences of world leaders have the final communiqué ready before the meeting, senior corporate planning meetings tend also to have everything sewn up beforehand. One senior executive is quoted: "The joke is nobody ever reads the annual strategy plan because by the time it is produced everything has been thrashed out".

The report continues: "It appears the main purposes of such meetings have more to do with validating decisions and providing an image of good order to those outside, than acting as a forum for reaching a radically different concensus of opinion". It adds, with the deadpan seriousness of accounting academics, "the consequences for plans, budgets and accounting reports of this sub-culture of informal control are interesting."

This is where enablers take over. The *accounting information can be transformed* from formal reports into figures that can be used to change strategy and direction. Equally, managers without any accounting background at this level can understand the figures better in an informal context rather than in a formal report. It concludes: "it seems to be the information which becomes available in preparation of accounting reports, budgets and plans that is potentially so important, *rather than final documentation.*" The eternal battle of controllers and enablers.

One part reeks of the controller's art. "Accounting information may be seen as the outcome of complex and detailed control mechanisms which exist to instil discipline among subordinates". This really says it all. Another shows how the enabler can triumph. "Managers at all *levels complained of being* overloaded by formal information but none complained of being overloaded by the informal."

The researchers could have reached their conclusions much sooner. There is a note where they describe their methodology. "Before the interviews took place, many managers expressed concern about how long it would take. Although told it could be completed in 40 minutes, once managers agreed to participate, they seemed very willing to devote much time to the study and interviews typically lasted two hours". All you need to know about the power of informal information flow.

Accounting Control and Management Philosophies by Stuart Jones, Colin Rickwood and Sheila Greenfield. Published by English ICA.

In training for the big one

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IAN Hay Davison, never one to hold back in the regular Institute of Chartered Accountants council meetings, has found himself much in the news since taking the chair of Newspaper Publishing, publisher of *The Independent*. And the bidding scramble for the newspaper may be just the training he needs for a corporate tussle on a far bigger scale. Davison is, of course, a director of Cadbury Schweppes, which, as part of Camelot Group, is one of at least eight consortiums bidding to run the National Lottery. The connection may prompt yet further Chinese walls in the tearoom at Moorgate Place. Colleagues on the council include Sir Michael Lickiss, who has joined the Games For Good Causes consortium led by Vernons and MAI, and the "godfather" of them all, Peter Davis, who, as director-general of the lottery, has the unenviable task of deciding which consortium wins.

Panto time

COOPERS & Lybrand has just staged its annual pantomime. Nearly 800 underprivileged children turned up for the five-day run of *Cinderella* at The Sedgwick Centre. The unsung hero of the event was Terry Middleton, a chauffeur with the firm, who has organised the pantomime since it started eight years ago. "The children get drinks, biscuits, crisps and a small present," he says. And who said accountants did not have hearts?

Open cases

IN ACCORDANCE with the spirit of glasnost sweeping Moorgate Place, the institute's disciplinary committee has begun publishing details of cases brought before it. Take Douglas Hewer, of Cranbrook, who had his membership ended and was ordered to pay £1,200 costs after an allegation that he had abandoned his practice without informing staff or clients, or leaving a forwarding address. The ICA notes: "Mr Hewer, who had apparently taken up residence in Spain, did not attend the hearing." There is also the case of a London firm fined £2,000 and ordered to pay costs of £500 after a breach of client money regulations. Its address is Holborn Hall — home of the Financial Reporting Council.

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Policy guidance was unlawful

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment. Ex parte Lancashire County Council
Regina v Same. Ex parte Derbyshire County Council

Before Mr Justice Jowitt

[Judgment January 28]

The Secretary of State for the Environment acted unlawfully in giving policy guidance to the Local Government Commission which urged a substantial increase in the number of unitary authorities at the expense of existing two-tier structures. The guidance had undermined the criteria laid down by section 13 of the Local Government Act 1992 and should be cut from the policy guidance document.

Mr Justice Jowitt so held in the Queen's Bench Division allowing in part applications by Lancashire and Derbyshire County Councils to quash policy guidelines issued in November 1993.

Section 13 of the 1992 Act provides: "(1) If the secretary of state so directs, the Local Government Commission shall. ... (a) conduct a review of such areas in England as are specified in the direction ... and (b) recommend to the secretary of state as respects each of those areas either — (i) that he should make such structural, boundary or electoral changes as are specified ... or (ii) that he should make no such changes...

"(5) Any structural, boundary or electoral changes recommended to the secretary of state ... shall be such as appear to the Local Government Commission desirable having regard to the need — (a) to reflect the identities and interests of local communities; and (b) to secure effective and convenient local government."

Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for Lancashire: Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for Derbyshire: Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Robert Jay for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said the statutory criteria were all-embracing and the commission had to consider and answer the question: did the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities and to secure effective and convenient local government make it desirable to recommend a particular change in order to satisfy those needs or some or any of them?

It was clear that although the secretary of state had wide powers to modify the commission's recommendations, he could not transform them so they became a different animal. He might modify a recommendation of no change by, for example, altering a boundary, but it was difficult to see how he could lawfully modify a recommendation for no change so that it became a recommendation for change from a two-tier to a unitary structure for local government.

That did not mean that the secretary of state was not entitled to have a policy in relation to the restructuring of local government. The commission's role was to provide the secretary of state with a basis upon which he could decide whether to lay a draft order before Parliament. In making such a decision he was clearly entitled to have reference to his own policy.

In his Lordship's judgment, the secretary of state was entitled, in his guidance to the commission, to reflect his policy and to say what it was, provided he considered it was relevant to a consideration of the statutory criteria. It was legitimate for the secretary of state to state his belief that unitary authorities were in general more likely to fulfil the statutory criteria than a two-tier system of local government.

When the secretary of state expressed his hope as to the end result of a review, the language he used had to be examined critically to see whether on a fair reading it conveyed the message to the commission that the government's hoped-for result was to be seen as an end in itself. Language which conveyed that message would be unlawfully either adding a fresh criterion or undermining the statutory criteria or both.

Both Derbyshire and Lancashire had complained, *inter alia*, about a passage inserted into the guidance in 1993 which read: "In some areas the commission may wish to recommend a continuation of the existing two-tier structure. But the government expects that to be the exception, and that the result will be a substantial increase in the number of unitary authorities in both urban and rural areas."

On a fair reading by members of the commission the last sentence conveyed a message that the government's hoped-for result was to be seen as an end in itself and its effect was to undermine the statutory criteria.

The effect of that conclusion was that the inclusion of that sentence in the policy guidance was outwith the secretary of state's powers to give guidance and was unlawful.

Solicitors: Mr Max Winterbottom, Preston: Mr John McElvaney, Matlock: Treasury Solicitor.

Liability for causing river pollution

National Rivers Authority v Alfred McAlpine Homes East Ltd

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment January 26]

In attaching liability to a building company for pollution caused during its building operations, it was sufficient that those immediately responsible on the site, who had acknowledged the pollution, were employees of the company acting within the course and scope of that employment when the pollution occurred.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by the National Rivers Authority by way of case stated against the decision of Tunbridge and West Malling Justices who on January 11, 1993 had dismissed an information charging the respondent, Alfred McAlpine Homes East Ltd, with causing wet cement to enter the controlled water of Ditton Stream contrary to section 85 of the Water Resources Act 1991. The case was remitted to be reheard.

Mr Richard Camden Pratt, QC and Mr Philip J. Marshall for the NRA: Mrs Marilyn Kennedy-McGregor for McAlpine.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the company was engaged in building houses on a residential developement at Goldwell Springs, East Malling, through which in a man-made culvert ran Ditton Stream.

On May 21, 1992 the stream was inspected by an official of the NRA who found it to be cloudy downstream of the building site. Both the site manager and the site agent accepted responsibility for the pollution explaining that it had been caused by cement being washed into the stream during construction of a water feature on the site.

McAlpine submitted, *inter alia*, that a company could only be made criminally liable either by being vicariously liable for the acts of its servants or agents or, as in the case of *Alphacell v Woodward* ([1972] AC 824), by being identified with individuals representing the controlling mind and will of the company itself.

Given that, as was accepted, neither the site agent nor the site manager could have been considered as exercising that will, the company could only be held liable if section 85 were construed so as to impose vicarious liability on companies. Such a construction was unnecessary in achieving the object of the legislation and was not suggested by the wording of the section.

In his Lordship's view even assuming the dichotomy of a company's criminal liability, the respondent's argument failed. The decision of the House of Lords in *Alphacell* was an illustration of vicarious liability rather than one where those representing the directing mind and will of the company had themselves caused the pollution.

That was consistent with the implication from *dicta* of subsequent cases that an employer was liable for pollution resulting from its operations carried out under its control save only where some third party acted to interrupt the chain of causation.

Alphacell was not properly distinguishable on its facts, as the respondents had argued, as there was no difference in principle between the design and maintenance of a storage tank from which pollutants had escaped and the carrying on of building operations involving the use of pollutants. Either system, if ineffectively devised or operated, could result in the escape of pollution.

In the present case, it did not matter that the company's head office had no direct part in determining the precise construction which allowed the cement to wash into the stream. It was sufficient that those immediately responsible on site were employees of the company and acting apparently within the course and scope of that employment. The case was not one in which it could be said that the employees were not in any sense under the control of the company.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND, agreeing, said that he could see no reason why Parliament as a matter of policy should not have placed on companies responsibility for environmental protection as they were best placed to ensure through discipline, training, supervision and the highest standards of maintenance, that streams were not polluted during their activities by their servants or agents.

Solicitors: Mr Martin J. Davies, Worthing: Laytons, Hampton Court.

Adding to reasons for board's decision

Regina v Parole Board, Ex parte Gittens

Before Lord Justice Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith

[Judgment January 26]

Where it appeared necessary, for the purposes of judicial review, for a panel of the Parole Board to add to reasons given by it in accordance with rule 15(2) of the Parole Board Rules 1992, the court could receive such reasons on affidavit sworn by the chairman or, if there were a good reason, by another member of the panel.

It was not open to the court to lay down any rule of law to the effect that a lifer liaison officer could not be appointed to act for the Secretary of State for the Home Department under rule 6 of the 1992 Rules, made under section 32(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 1992. The secretary of state had a wide discretion and could appoint such an officer save in the case of conflict between the case put before the panel by the secretary of state and the officer's report.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in allowing an application for judicial review of the refusal of the discretionary life panel of the Parole Board on June 22, 1993 to refuse under section 34 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 to direct the release of the applicant, a prisoner at Leyhill.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC and Mr Nicholas Hamblin for the applicant: Mr Robert Jay for the Parole Board.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that a question had arisen in argument whether, in response to a challenge by way of judicial review, it was open to a panel which worked under the 1992 Rules to add to, or explain, the reasons given in the document signed by the chairman under rule 15(2).

In his Lordship's judgment, it should not normally be necessary for any further explanation of the reasons but they had not only to be the reasons upon which the decision was made but also, as required by well established principles, to be intelligible and deal with the substantial points raised.

If it should appear necessary for any explanation of or addition to the stated reasons to be provided, it was important that they should be shown to have been reasons upon which the decision was made as contrasted with subsequent rationalisation.

While there was no general objection to the provision of an affidavit sworn by a Parole Board official in order to prove the reasons for a questioned decision, it would be appropriate for an affidavit seeking to explain or add to the written reasons to be sworn by the chairman of the panel.

If, for any good reason, such an affidavit was to be sworn on information and belief by an official of the Parole Board, it was necessary that the obtaining of the information should be carried out in a way which made clear the responsibility of the giver of the information to ensure that the information was accurately stated and the affidavit should, as required by the rules of court, make it clear that the information had been so obtained.

If, through some error in the formulation of the reasons, the true reasons for the decision were not set out, it was open to the Parole Board to explain to the court what the true reasons were. Although the decision, as so explained, might appear to have been lawfully reached, the requirement of procedural fairness might require the court to set aside the decision and direct reconsideration of the case by the board.

At the hearing before the panel, the secretary of state had appointed the lifer liaison officer as his representative. While his Lordship agreed that it was essential that the officer so appointed should not thereby be embarrassed by reason of his having provided a report which was before the panel and in respect of which he might be questioned, it was not open to the court to prohibit the appointment of such an officer by laying down a rule of law.

Rule 6 of the 1992 Rules provided that the secretary of state might appoint any person, subject to listed exceptions, as his representative. If there were any apparent conflict or risk of conflict between the case put before the panel by the secretary of state and the terms of the officer's report, that officer should not be appointed. Further, if the panel saw any risk of difficulty arising, it should point out that risk and request the appointment of another officer.

While the Parole Board was not required to provide for full transcripts of every hearing, and while there was a clear responsibility upon the representatives of prisoners in such hearings to make as effective a note of the proceedings as possible, in particular of cross-examination of the prisoner, it was necessary for a sufficient note to be made at the hearing by or at the direction of the panel. The note should be produced by the board upon the grant of leave to apply for judicial review.

Mrs Justice Smith agreed.

Solicitors: Barry Culshaw, Southampton: Treasury Solicitor.

Tenancy agreement unlawful

Nicholls v Kinsey

Before Lord Justice Mann, Lord Justice Hirst and Sir Michael Kerr

[Judgment January 25]

An agreement between landlord and tenant to exclude the provisions of sections 24 to 28 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, which provided security of tenure for business tenants, made consequent to a county court order which had been made in excess of jurisdiction, was void by section 38(1) of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the tenant, William Nicholls, against an order of Mr Assistant Recorder Bush made in Macclesfield County Court on July 26, 1993 that his tenancy agreement with his landlord, William Kinsey, was not an agreement to which sections 24 to 28 of the 1954 Act applied.

Mr Martin Rodger for the tenant: Mr Paul Lowenstein for the landlord.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that in 1979 the landlord had granted to the tenant a business tenancy of a field near Chester. The tenancy was expressed to be for a period of 12 months from December 19, 1979 and to continue thereafter from year to year, but determinable by the landlord giving the tenant 12 months notice in writing of his intention to terminate the agreement.

In December 1992 the tenant had issued proceedings in the county court seeking the grant of a new tenancy under section 26. The landlord had replied that there was no jurisdiction under section 26 to grant a new tenancy, because the provisions of sections 24 to 28 had been excluded by a county court order of December 19, 1979, consequent to which an agreement had been endorsed on the lease excluding sections 24 to 28.

It was now accepted by both parties that the lease was not a lease for a "a term of years certain" within the ambit of section 38(4)(a) which meant that the district registrar had not been entitled to make the order of December 19, 1979. Mr Assistant Recorder Bush had rejected a submission from the tenant that the 1979 order was thus a nullity and had held that it remained valid and effective until set aside in the proper fashion.

His Lordship accepted Mr Rodger's submission that the order was void. Section 38(1) was a declaratory anti-avoidance provision rendering all agreements as there defined void unless they could escape through the loophole provided by section 38(4).

That loophole was narrowly prescribed and only rendered an exclusion agreement valid if (a) there was a prospective tenancy for a term of years certain; (b) the court authorised an agreement excluding the relevant provisions of the Act in relation to that tenancy; and (c) the agreement was made in pursuance of such authorisation.

In the present case, the tenancy was not for a term of years certain, so there was no authorisation by the court in relation to such a tenancy and the agreement was not made in pursuance of the authorisation given under the subsection.

The agreement therefore fell outside the ambit of section 38(4) and was not valid under the terms of that subsection. The loophole thus having closed, section 38(1) applied with its full rigour to exclude the section. Accordingly the tenancy agreement fell within the protection of Part II of the Act.

SIR MICHAEL KERR said no court could make an order of the type in question unless it complied with section 38(4). But the order itself stated that it was made in relation to "an agreement in the form of the draft annexed to the originating application herein".

That application had referred to a tenancy from year to year and not to one for "a term of years certain" as the statute required. It thus bore the brand of invalidity on its forehead.

Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Burges Salmon, Bristol: Rigby Stringer & Holmes, Sandbach.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Enforcing non-contracting state judgment

Owens Bank Ltd v Fulvio Bracco and Another

Case C-129/92

Before G. F. Mancini, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges M. Díez de Velasco, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler and P. J. G. Kapteyn

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

(Opinion September 16, 1993)

[Judgment January 20]

The principle of legal certainty, which was one of the objectives of the Brussels Convention, militated against making any distinction between an order for enforcement *simpliciter* and a decision of a court of a contracting state on an issue arising in proceedings to enforce a judgment given in a non-contracting state.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Sixth Chamber) so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the House of Lords for a preliminary ruling pursuant to the Protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (OJ 1972 L299 p32) of September 27, 1968, as amended (the Brussels Convention).

Owens Bank, a company domiciled in the independent Caribbean State known as Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, claimed to have lent SFr9,000,000 in cash to Bracco Industria Chimica SpA and to its chairman and managing director, Fulvio Bracco, in 1979.

According to a clause in the documents relating to the loan, the High Court of Justice of Saint Vincent was to have jurisdiction to decide all disputes. On January 29, 1988 Owens Bank obtained from that court a judgment ordering Fulvio Bracco and Bracco SpA to repay the loan. An appeal lodged by the latter parties was dismissed by the Court of Appeal of Saint Vincent on December 12, 1989.

In the course of those proceedings Fulvio Bracco and Bracco SpA had denied that a loan had been made. They alleged that the documents submitted by Owens Bank were forgeries and that certain witnesses had given false testimony.

On July 11, 1989 Owens Bank applied in Italy for an order for the enforcement of the Saint Vincent judgment. Before the Italian court Fulvio Bracco and Bracco SpA claimed, *inter alia*, that Owens Bank had obtained that decision by fraud.

On March 7, 1990 Owens Bank applied to an English court, pursuant to section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1920, for a declaration that the Saint Vincent judgment was enforceable in England. Fulvio Bracco and Bracco SpA maintained, as they had done in the Italian proceedings, that Owens Bank had obtained by fraud the judgment it was seeking to enforce.

Relying on articles 21 and 22 of the Brussels Convention they also requested the English court to decline jurisdiction or to stay proceedings pending the conclusion of the Italian enforcement proceedings.

In support of their application the defendants relied on the fact that the question whether the plaintiff had obtained the Saint Vincent judgment by fraud had to be examined in both the English and the Italian enforcement proceedings and hence raised questions of *lis pendens* and of related actions.

The House of Lords, as court of last instance, considered that the case raised issues concerning the interpretation of the Convention and decided to stay the proceedings and to submit three questions to the European Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

Enforcement of judgments from non-contracting states

The first and second questions referred to the Court had arisen in proceedings which were intended to pave the way in one of the contracting states to the execution of a judgment given in a civil and commercial matter in a non-contracting state.

In view of the purpose of such proceedings, the House of Lords had asked whether the Brussels Convention, in particular articles 21, 22 or 23, applied to proceedings, or issues arising in proceedings, in contracting states concerning the recognition and enforcement of judgments given in civil and commercial matters in non-contracting states.

Fulvio Bracco and Bracco SpA maintained that such proceedings involved civil and commercial matters as defined in article 1 of the Convention and that consequently they fell within the scope of the Convention.

That view could not be accepted.

First, it followed from the wording of articles 26 and 31 of the Convention, which had to be read in conjunction with article 25, that the procedures envisaged by Title III of the Convention, concerning recognition and enforcement, applied only in the case of decisions given by the courts of a contracting state.

Articles 26 and 31 referred only to "a judgment given in a contracting state" while article 25 provided that, for the purposes of the Convention, "judgment" meant any judgment given by a court or tribunal of a contracting state, whatever the judgment might be called.

Next, with regard to the rules on jurisdiction contained in Title II of the Convention, the Convention was, according to its preamble, intended to implement provisions in article 220 of the EEC Treaty by which the member states of the Community undertook to simplify formalities governing the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments of courts or tribunals.

Moreover, one of the objectives of the Convention was to strengthen in the Community the legal protection of persons therein established while also ensuring the greatest possible degree of legal certainty.

To that end, Title II of the Convention established certain rules of jurisdiction which, after laying down the principle that persons domiciled in a contracting state were to be sued in the courts of that state, went on to determine restrictively the cases in which that principle was not to apply.

So it was clear that Title II of the Convention laid down no rules determining the forum for proceedings for the recognition and enforcement of judgments given in non-contracting states.

Contrary to the arguments advanced by Fulvio Bracco and Bracco SpA, article 16(5), which provided that in proceedings concerned with the enforcement of judgments the courts of the contracting state in which the judgment had been or was to be enforced were to have exclusive jurisdiction, had indeed to be read in conjunction with article 25, which applied only to judgments given by a court or tribunal of a contracting state.

It had therefore to be concluded that the Convention did not apply to proceedings for the enforcement of judgments given in civil and commercial matters in non-contracting states.

Issues arising in enforcement proceedings

The essential purpose of a decision given by a court of a contracting state on an issue arising in proceedings for the enforcement of a judgment given in a non-contracting state, even where that issue was tried *inter partes*, was to determine whether, under the law of the state in which recognition was sought or, as the case might be, under the rules of any agreement applicable to that state's relations with non-contracting states, there existed any ground for refusing recognition and enforcement of the judgment in question.

That decision was not severable from the question of recognition and enforcement.

Furthermore, according to articles 27 and 28 of the Convention, read in conjunction with article 34, the question whether any such ground existed in the case of judgments given in another contracting state fell to be determined in the proceedings in which recognition and enforcement of those judgments was sought.

There was no reason to consider that the position was any different where the same question arose in proceedings concerning the recognition and enforcement of judgments given in non-contracting states.

On the contrary, the principle of legal certainty, which was one of the objectives of the Convention militated against making any distinction between or order for enforcement *simpliciter* and a decision of a court of a contracting state on an issue arising in proceedings to enforce a judgment given in a non-contracting state, even where that issue was tried *inter partes*, was to determine whether, under the law of the state in which recognition was sought or, as the case might be, under the rules of any agreement applicable to that state's relations with non-contracting states, there existed any ground for refusing recognition and enforcement of the judgment in question.

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Last, it was clear from the judgment in Case C-190/89 *Marc Rich and Co v Societa Italiana Impianti PA* (*The Times* September 20, 1991; [1991] ECR I-3855) that if, by virtue of its subject-matter, a dispute fell outside the scope of the Convention, the existence of a preliminary issue which the court had to resolve in order to determine the dispute could not, whatever that issue might be, justify application of the Convention.

In view of the answer given to the first and second questions, the third question did not call for a reply.

On those grounds, the European Court (Sixth Chamber) ruled:

The Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, in particular articles 21, 22 and 23, did not apply to proceedings, or issues arising in proceedings, in contracting states concerning the recognition and enforcement of judgments given in civil and commercial matters in non-contracting states.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. 1) REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 351 WEST END LANE, LONDON, ENGLAND AND ITS BUILDINGS, EASEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS, FIXTURES AND APPURTENANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS; 2) 50,000 POUNDS STERLING LOCATED IN THE TRUST ACCOUNT OF MR. T CRYAN SOLICITOR, LONDON, ENGLAND. Defendant.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of May, 1993, the defendant real property was arrested on behalf of the United States Marshals Service for the Northern District of California, pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest of Property in Rem issued by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, in the above entitled suit for forfeiture, brought under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 881 and 18 U.S.C. § 981.

A Government forfeiture complaint has been filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The case number of the said action is C 93-1600 WHO.

On October 14, 1993, the defendant 50 pounds sterling located in the trust account of Mr. T. Cryan, Solicitor, London, England was arrested on behalf of the United States Marshals Service pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest of Property in Rem issued by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, in the above entitled suit for forfeiture brought under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 881 and 18 U.S.C. § 981.

An Amended Government Forfeiture Complaint has been filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California under C 93-1600 WHO

All persons claiming any right, title or interest in the defendant properties are hereby notified to file a claim within ten (10) days of this notice and to file an answer to the amended complaint within twenty (20) days thereafter, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 16th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 and serve a copy of the claim and/or answer upon the United States Attorney's Office, Attention: Jonathan R. Howden, Assistant United States Attorney, 10th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, in order to show cause, if any there be, why the defendant properties should not be decreed against and forfeited to the United States, and that all right, title and interest be vested in the United States of America.

Dated: 12 - 8, 1993
MICHAEL J. YAMAGUCHI
United States Attorney
JONATHAN R. HOWDEN
Assistant United States Attorney

Safe & Sound Fire Technology (London) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 6 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD on the 11 February 1994 at 10.30 am for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under S48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The meeting may if it thinks fit establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors committees by or under the Act
L. Gibson,
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BULK TRADE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Company Number 2316140
Nature of Business: Dealers and Traders in Commodities
Trade Classification 38.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to 94(1) of the said Act that on 26th January 1994, M J C Oldham and P S Dunn of Latham Crowley & Davis, 7 Warwick Place, London W1H 3FF were appointed joint administrative receivers of the above company by International Bulk Trade A.G.
Dated this 26th day of January 1994
MJC Oldham & P S Dunn (office holder nos 7817 and 2368).
Joint Administrative Receivers

ADDISON DESIGN CONSULTANTS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: 69-81 Bridon Street, London EC1M 5RA
Company Number: 00719009
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3TR on 10 February 1994 at 11.00 for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
D L Morgan of Touche Ross & Co of P O Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Creditors requiring this information should contact in the first instance Nigel Hutton on 071 936 3000.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of P O Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS during the two working days preceding the above meeting.
Dated: 28 January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. KING

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TAMECHOICE LIMITED
T/A JAZZBO BROWNS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RX on 10th February 1994 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Jamie Taylor of Messrs Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RX is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 31st January 1994
By order of the Board
G Coward DIRECTOR

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 4.106 (1)
POUNDFULL LIMITED T/A 92 In Creation Saturdays
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frames, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frames Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on the 17th January 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frames at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP

NEWS ORIGIN LIMITED
Principal Trading Address: First Floor, 12 Sheerwater Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey, KT12 5AP
Company Number: 2519416
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Hotel Antoinette, 26 Beaufort Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2TQ on 16 February 1994 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. This is in place of the original meeting which was to be held on 9 February 1994 but which had to be postponed.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of 63 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1BQ during the two business days preceding the above meeting.
Dated: 1 February 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. Clark, Director

No. 009773 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF ALLIANT COMPUTER SYSTEMS (U.K.) LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 17th January 1994 confirming the reduction of share capital of the Company from £3,001,000 to £1,800,998 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 28th January 1994.
Dated this 28th day of January 1994
CARRINGTON, Vale House, Wharf Road, Ash Vale, Surrey, GU12 5AR
Solicitors for the above named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NELSON WINDOWS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 17 February 1994 at 2 Chatterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FBIA of 2 Chatterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 31st day of January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Martin Curd, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
No. 494 of 1993
In the Medway County Court
In Bankruptcy
DENIS CHRISTOPHER HAYES
I, Ian Frames, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frames Associates, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above named on 31st January 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of this liation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 31st day of January 1994
I. Frames, Trustee

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the GOVERNORS of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers (Sister Agnes Foundation) will be held in Agnes House, Beaumont Street, London W1N 1RD at 5 pm on Thursday 17 March 1994.
By Order
Brigadier C J M Harrison OBE
House Governor

BRITISH AEROSPACE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
Aerodrome Control of Land) (Directions) Order 1994
Notice is hereby given that British Aerospace Public Limited Company has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport for an Order to be made under Section 66 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982.
The effect of the Order will be to enable the Secretary of State to restrict, by directions the height of trees upon any land within the area specified in the Order and to enable him to authorise any person or persons to remove cut down, pull down or alter so as to bring into conformity with the requirements of such directions any tree which contravenes those requirements. The area specified in the Order will be a strip of land between 300 metres and 1200 metres in width starting at the eastern end of the Eastward runway at Woodford Aerodrome and extending 5,500 metres in the direction of Lyneham.
The purpose of the Application is to restore the use of the east-west runway at Woodford Aerodrome to its original operating length in order to maintain the operational viability of the Aerodrome.
A copy of the Application which includes a statement of British Aerospace's reasons for applying for the Order, and the relevant plan are available for inspection at the offices of the Airfield Manager, Woodford Aerodrome, Woodford, Cheshire at any time between the following hours:
Monday to Thursday
9 am to 5 pm
Friday 9 am to 12.30 pm
and any queries relating to the Application may be made to the Airfield Manager.
Objections to the proposed Order stating the grounds for objection should be sent in writing to the Secretary of State for Transport, Room SE/13, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB by 11th March 1994.
Dated the 3rd day of February 1994
A. J. E. Robertson,
Airfield Manager

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	345	Abbey Nt	510	+11	11.8	2.9	10.7
314	179	Allied Irish	296	+ 4	....	3.5	15.1
268¼	130	Ass New Z	262½	+ 6	....	3.5	20.7
36866	27125	Bankamerica	30314	-56½	....	....	....
319	177	Bk of Ireland	306	- 1	....	4.1	22.6
375	325	Bk Leumi Uk	375	....	17.0	5.7	....
247	116½	Bank Scotland	230	....	4.6	2.5	31.2
652	362	Barclays	638	+ 9	....	2.5	....
54	15½	Carlisle	54	+ ½	....	....	....
650	398	Close Allen	648	....	28.0	5.4	....
180	86	Cortes	171	....	....	3.3	22.8
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	....	....	....	....
2806½	1343½	Citicorp	2806½	+ 9½	....	....	....
569	280	Close Bros	558	....	....	2.5	20.3
£193½	91¼	Commerzbk	£144½	+17½	....	2.6	....
£348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£332½	- 9½	....	1.9	....
95	45	First Nat Fin	87 †	- 1	....	2.2	....
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1411½	+65½	....	0.4	....
529	343	Gerrard Nat	510	....	....	5.3	13.6
1045	490	HSBC	1040	+36	20.0	2.4	24.9
1060	474	HSBC Hlt	1058	+38	20.0	2.4	25.3
473	343	Hambros	471	+11	14.3	3.8	21.8
436	313	Joseph (L)	435	+ 5	16.7	4.8	....
170	96	King Shaxson	168	....	9.0	6.7	....
688	312	Kleinwort Ben	688	+18	16.2	3.0	23.0
690	492	Lloyds	639	+ 1	19.1	3.7	18.5
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	117 †	....	3.4	3.0	....
617½	322	Nat Aust Bk	617½	+ 8	....	3.8	15.0
634	398	Nat West	591	+ 2	17.8	3.8	35.9
573	270	Provincial	535	+ 2	12.6	3.0	22.7
67	39	Rea Bros	64	....	0.5	1.1	66.0
510	207	Rl Bk Scot	510 †	+10	....	2.7	21.1
1425	467½	Schroders	1418	+ 8	....	1.1	28.3
1410	576	Stand Chart	1410	+48	20.5	1.8	....
291	145½	TSB	282½	+ 7½	....	3.5	21.9
190	78	Union Disc	186	+ 1	....	....	....
1010	529	Warburg 'A'	1007	+17	....	2.5	14.7
9282½	4843½	Wells Fargo	9125	- 6½	....	3.0	....
260	121	Westpac	260	+ 4	....	2.1	....
360	188	Wintrust	360	+17	....	3.1	34.6

BREWERIES

697	517	Allied-Lyons	649 †	+14	....	4.1	18.0
647	441	Bass	595 †	+ 5	....	4.4	15.1
308	189	Boddington	282	+ 4	7.5	4.0	16.4
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	434 †	+ 1	....	3.0	17.4
193	129	Burmond Bev	194 †	....	4.7	3.4	14.5
181	75	Eldridge P 'A's	168 †	....	....	2.6	23.3
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	65½	- 1½	....	2.3	78.0
465	338	Fullr Sm 'A's	460	....	7.5	2.0	19.3
506	373	Grand Met	494 †	+ 5	....	3.4	18.8
511	347	Greenalls Grp	498 †	+ 2	....	3.3	16.2
584	505	Greene King	582 †	....	....	2.8	15.7
542	388	Guinness	535	+ 7	....	2.8	20.0
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	73	+ 2	....	....	57.0
283	220	Hardy Hanan	281 †	....	....	4.1	14.6
150	105	Hawthorne	150	....	....	2.6	35.8
433	296	Highland Dist	423	+ 4	....	2.0	21.0
3150	2536	Holt J	3150	....	42.0	1.7	20.5
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	....	....	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	175	....	4.3	2.5	34.2
466	365	Maccle Mstn 'A'	445	....	....	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	225	- 3	....	2.2	16.1
650	398	Matson Thmp	598	- 2	....	2.3	16.6
995	289½	Matthew Clark	984	+ 2	....	3.0	33.0
300	210	Mrydown W	298	+ 3	7.0	3.7	17.3
580	455	Morland	543 †	....	....	2.2	18.7
12	6½	Paramount Rs	10½	....	....	1.8	18.9
223	145	Regent Inns	203	+11	....	2.4	23.7
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1347½	+40½	....	2.6	12.1
591	393	Scot & Newc	579	- 1	....	3.7	17.7
225	159½	Theakston Cider	184 †	+ 1	6.2	4.3	14.4
308	213	Vaux Group	303 †	+ 2	....	3.9	19.5
411	252	Whitbread Inv	411	+ 5	....	2.4	18.0
617	435	Whitbread 'A'	582	+ 2½	....	3.9	14.0
613	461	Wolverhampton D	551	+ 2	....	2.9	15.5
525	475	Young 'A'	525	+ 2	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

205	73	Abbey	205 †	....	....	1.2	33.7
27	12	Allrightions	25 †	+ 2	....	0.5	....
189	87	Allens	189	+ 1	....	3.3	42.8
159	65	Amec	155	+ 5	3.0	2.4	28.7
15½	4	Anglia Sec	14	....	....	....	....
389	150	Ashtead	388	....	....	1.5	41.0
157	101	Attwoods	155	....	....	4.0	....
363	180	BPB Ind	360	+ 1	....	2.6	43.1
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124 †	....	....	3.2	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Step) Con	39	....	0.6	1.5	....
108	71	Barratt	102	+ 2	....	1.9	8.6
57	32½	Bardon	56	....	2.0	4.5	27.6
278	94	Barratt Devs	275 †	+ 6	....	1.8	28.5
276	152½	Bellway	276	+ 8	....	2.7	25.9
58	15	Bellwinch	57	....	....	....	....
235	221	Berkshird Inst	235 †	+ 3	....	....	....
564	295½	Berkeley Gp	558 †	+14	....	1.4	30.1
151	45	Bett Bros	150	....	....	1.7	19.4
68	36	Blockleys	66	....	1.0	1.9	12.9
391	189	Blue Circle	389	+ 4	....	3.8	....
355	230	Boot (Henry)	342	....	6.0	2.2	19.1
111	78	Breedon PLC	111	+ 3	4.6	5.2	27.3
140	82	Br Dredging	140	+ 3	5.2	4.6	31.1
86	45	Brit Fittings	79	....	1.7	2.8	....
197½	69	Bryan	185	+ 2	....	1.2	37.3
146	53	CALA	145	....	....	2.0	....
390	200	CRH	389	....	....	2.2	21.4
48	18	Cakebread Eby	48	....	....	....	....
41½	21	Costain	41	+ 2½	....	....	....
170	86½	Countryside	170	....	....	2.9	....
114	35½	Crest Nicholson	109 †	....	....	1.1	....
128	27	Cussins	128	+ 3	....	1.0	....
39½	15	Edmond Kldgs	25	....	0.3	1.5	....
288	178	Epwin	288	+ 3	7.8	3.9	24.4
82	32	Erith	80	....	0.3	0.5	....
506	252	Eve Groups	470	....	....	2.8	17.7
249	97	Freeman Gps	222	....	5.0	2.8	35.3
90	38	Galliford	87	....	....	2.9	....
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	....	....	2.9	....
1025	695	Gleeson (M.J)	1000	....	....	1.6	17.4
173½	75	Hawden-Stuart	171	+ ½	....	2.0	36.6
51	28	Hewetson	50	....	....	3.2	36.5
438	172	Heyrod Wtn	438 †	+ 8	15.0	4.0	....
145	72	Higgs & Hill	136	- 3	2.5	2.3	....
38	26	How Gp	34	....	....	4.1	....
28	15	Howard Kldgs	26	....	0.5	2.4	....
92	59	Hunnck Johnsen	90½	+ 1½	1.0	1.4	....
25	12½	Jarvis	23	....	....	....	....
405	196	Laing (J)	404	- 1	9.0	2.2	16.2
153	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	153	+ ½	....	5.2	....
145	55	Ln Clydesdale	138 †	....	....	4.8	4.3
230	100	Lovell (Y)	140	....	....	....	63.6
405	240	Manders	398	+ 4	9.3	2.9	24.4
213½	93	Marley	206	+ 3	4.2	2.6	29.8
143	61	Marshalls	141 †	+ 3	....	3.5	....
253	122	Maunders (J)	253	....	....	2.3	24.4
299	96	McAlpine (A)	278	....	6.5	2.9	48.1
433	258	Highland Dist	423	+ 4	....	2.0	21.0
3150	2536	Holt J	3150	....	42.0	1.7	20.5
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BUSINESS SERVICES

663	463	ADT	670	+ 5	....	....	....
388	198	Adam & Harvey	368	....	13.0	4.4	6.7
92	56	Adam Leisure	69	....	2.5	6.5	12.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	....	2.0	5.3	....
163	93	Auto Sec	139	....	....	5.5	24.9
162	84	BET Ord	154½	+ 3	....	1.8	6.2
143	41	BNB Res	142	....	4.9	4.3	....
318	183	BPP	254	....	8.3	4.1	14.0
178	154	BSM	174	....	....	4.3	14.8
285	195	Barbour Index	220	....	....	8.1	4.7
38	15	Bousmad	23	....	....	0.7	3.8
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	196	....	+ 1	4.7	14.3
26	11	Broadcastfax	25	....	....	....	10.9
68	48	Brooks Service	65	....	....	10.0	....
109	86	CKT Gp	105	....	....	3.5	18.8
240	139½	Capita Group	215	+ 4	....	1.3	31.6
98	31	Capital Pic	98	....	....	1.0	22.7
68	35	Chiltern Capital	29½	....	....	....	....
70	26	Christie	66	....	....	....	....
423	228	Chubb Sec	421 †	+15	....	1.6	26.1
132	90	Comasec	113	....	....	1.7	29.5
43	6½	Corp Services	42	+ 5	....	....	....
91	20	Coutts Consig	90	....	....	....	....
179	50	Dart	168	....	3.3	2.5	22.8
374	198	Davis Service	372	+ 8	....	3.7	20.5
139	65	EW Facts	139	+ 5	4.6	4.2	15.9
34	11	Gardiner	34	....	....	....	....
332	215	Hays	331½	+10½	....	2.0	28.9
289	174	Hogg Robinson	287	....	....	2.9	30.9
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	- 1	....	....	2.1
361	132	Hunch Wnamp	354½	....	....	1.4	20.3
268½	97½	ISS B Dkr	268½	+ 9½	....	0.8	18.5
197	97½	Instrkeep	605	+11	....	2.9	19.8
1018	669	Johnson Clean	1018	+40	25.7	3.2	22.2
12	2½	Lep	7½	+ ½	....	....	....
358	173	Mike Gp	358	....	4.0	1.6	34.6
1234½	997½	Manpower	1200	....	....	....	....
284	40½	Michael Page	278	+ 4	1.8	2.9	33.3
279	112	Pentana	112	....	8.0	8.9	4.2
9½	2	Prime Peoples	4½	....	....	....	....
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	89	+ 2	....	2.1	4.9
423	337	RCD	409	....	15.2	4.8	13.3
118	86	REA	109	....	2.0	2.3	....
125	63	Reed Executive	125	....	....	....	....
156	108	Reliance Secs	126 †	+ 1	4.5	4.3	33.0
279	178	Rentokil	279	+11	2.5	1.1	34.2
363	230	Rolfe & Nolan	363	....	....	3.2	20.7
309	50½	Salvesen (C)	312 †	+ 4½	....	1.2	30.3
57	36	Scot Pickfords	57	....	0.8	1.8	18.2
17	9	Select Appts	17½	....	....	....	....
1338	696	Serco Gp	1338	....	13.5	1.2	37.0
382	83	Sherwd Comps	107	- 1	....	8.2	3.1
130	90	Stanchley	109	....	....	3.4	24.9
358	310	Warner Howard	330	....	8.6	2.5	17.2
45	27	Welgar	32	....	....	....	....
39½	14	Wills Gp	29	....	....	1.7	20.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

260p	210	Allied Colloids	260½	+ 3½	....	2.1	24.0
1060	613	Amersham	1050	+15	....	1.6	30.5
7	1½	Anglo Dtd	3½	....	....	....	....
£119½	82½	BASF Ord	£116½	+8½	....	3.9	27.1
375	199	BTP	357 †	....	....	3.7	....
£140½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£140½	-40½	....	4.9	17.8
178	105	Biogen	165	....	6.5	4.9	11.7
165	93	Brent Chems	122	- 5	....	7.6	11.7
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	372	+ 8	....	....	34.7
29	5	Caird Gp	12½	....	....	....	21.2
187	126	Canning (W)	183	....	7.2	4.9	13.5
608	421	Courtaulds	538	+13	....	3.3	27.1
376	228	Croda	367	- 4	....	2.7	23.3
149	103	Deeflex	128	+ 1	4.6	4.5	9.8
256	175	Ellis & Everard	275 †	+ 3	....	3.3	23.1
42½	15½	Fym Colour	39½	....	0.8	3.1	17.0
351	259	Halstead (J)	348	....	....	2.3	17.1
241	198	Hickson	196	+ 2	....	5.1	18.2
£125½	£80	Hoechst	£121½	+14½	....	3.0	....
229	157	Holliday Chem	187	....	....	2.5	17.2
813	605	ICI	813	+16	....	4.4	....
827	576	Laporte	822	....	19.0	3.0	22.7
348	181	Leigh	290	....	....	4.3	20.2
97½	35	MTM	57	- 1	....	....	....
2309½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2309½	+39½	....	1.2	30.2
608	370	Paterson Zoch	603	+48	....	2.8	20.4
559	360	-do- 'A'	553	+48	....	2.8	18.7
306	195	Plysu	302 †	+ 3	....	3.6	20.6

DRAPERY, STORES

102	53	Alexon	77	....	....	5.2	....
248	172	Allders	233	+ 8	....	5.2	17.5
480	257	Argos Plc	385	+ 6	....	2.3	32.9
28	8	Ashley Group	10	....	....	2.3	....
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	94	....	0.1	0.1	....
357	278	Aspey	348	....	5.2	1.5	22.4
196	94	Austin Reed	168	....	....	1.8	....
160	128	Bemtie (J) 'A'	160	+ 1	....	4.3	16.9
194	104	Bestalls	164	....	1.9	1.6	....
278	125	Betterware	138	....	....	1.9	16.5
47	22	Blacks Leis	43 †	+ 2	2.2	5.1	....
261	193	Body Shop	256	+ 1½	....	0.9	33.0
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	10½	....	....	1.0	5.3
483	316	Brown (N)	483	+ 4	....	1.9	23.4
87½	36½	Burnan	59½	+ 1	....	4.2	....
245	126	Castors	244	....	10.2	3.2	14.9
520	295	Church	495	....	12.5	3.2	44.0
182	97	Clinton Cards	165	....	4.3	3.3	19.9
267	122	Coast Vbella	256	+ 4	....	3.4	38.1
120	78	Colourvision	101 †	....	5.6	6.9	18.1
181	154	Cny Casuals	164	....	....	3.0	15.7
436	334	Courts Furnish	419	+ 1	5.6	0.8	11.0
192	115	Crown Eyes	155	....	7.5	6.0	10.6
132	89	Dsley Farns Ind	120½	+ 1½	....	2.0	17.7
109½	51½	Dewhirst (J)	108½	+ 1	0.8	0.9	34.8
290	189	Dixons Grp	214 †	+ 1	....	3.7	....
21	8	EPA Gp	9	....	....	....	73.8
588	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	....	16.0	3.5	19.9
264	170	Essex Furn	252	- 1	....	1.7	48.3
273	205	Evans	263	....	7.0	3.3	24.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	540	- 4	13.0	3.0	17.6
70	26	Frnd Earth Trdrs	48	....	....	....	....
710	498	Formtnser	708 †	....	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conns	155	+ 1	....	2.5	....
74	43	Gent Sh	68	....	....	....	....
103	23	Goldentkts Gp	63	....	0.3	0.4	....
659	334	GUS	648	+16	....	2.3	19.7
60	21	Hampden Grps	25	+ 4	....	5.0	12.4
272	80	Harrisons	80	....	....	....	....
33½	20	Helene Plc	30½	+ ½	....	2.0	8.2	14.4
110	39	Heritage	91	- 1	....	....	....
85	35	Honeysuckle	78	....	....	3.6	11.4
211	63	Jacques Vert	202	....	....	2.2	19.4
786	496	Kingfisher	658	+ 2	....	2.6	22.7
79	42½	Leslie Wise Gp	75	....	....	4.0	16.1
685	495	Liberty	545	....	7.2	1.7	64.2
280	183	Lloyds Chem	238	....	....	2.5	12.8
180	130	MFI	174½	....	....	2.3	20.2
481½	317	Marks Spencer	438	+ 2	....	2.4	22.4
680	445	Mezzies (Ron)	661	....	....	2.1	17.1
274	135	Moss Bros	271	....	5.5	2.5	31.8
251	139½	Next	234	+ 1	3.5	1.9	27.9
43	15	Oliver (G)	43	....	....	....	....
335	197	Driftsme Ind	325	- 4	....	3.5	15.9
24	9	Peoples	16	....	0.5	3.1	47.4
394	119	Dalepak	130	+ 1	2.0	1.5	21.4
543	424	Dalgety	513	-13	....	5.0	14.7
57	27	Daniels S	57	....	....	....	....
290	191	Devro	286	....	....	3.0	26.1
134	99	Everest	101	....	....	8.5	50.5
390	269	Farepak	389 †	....	5.9	1.9	23.9
10	3	Farringford	7½	....	....	....	....
94	64	Finlay (James)	78	....	....	3.6	20.9
263	78	Fyffes	105	+ 5	....	1.2	....
483	256	Geest	307	+ 4	8.1	3.3	13.8
29½	7	Global	20½	+ ½	0.5	3.0	31.9
68	43	Grand Central	57	....	0.8	1.7	27.2
208	139	Hazelwood Fds	163	+ 2	....	5.0	9.2
131	111	Hillsdown	129	....	8.8	6.1	14.0
250	146	Iceland Group	173	....	....	2.5	10.9
55	32	Ind Cmnty	49	....	1.3	2.7	11.1
272	202	MFI Ind	265	....	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Maidstone Elect	141 †	....	3.5	3.1	25.6
147	58	Mounty Enter	147 †	+ 6	....	1.7	....
32½%	26½%	NYNEX	26½%	-7½%	....	....	....
189	123	Neotronics	126 †	....	2.6	2.0	....
65	42	Newmark (J)	53	....	....	....	....
295	58	Norbain	290	....	....	0.6	22.3
75	30	Northamber	55	+ 1	0.6	1.4	....
5	5	Oceonics	5	....	....	....	....
343	195	Oxford Inst	343	....	4.6	1.7	23.5
89	39	P & F	85	+ 2	1.5	2.2	45.1
98	55	Pank	94	....	3.4	4.4	25.1
238	155	Pegasus	234	....	....	1.4	60.1
£102½	90½	Phillips Fr 4%	£102½	....	....	5.6	....
1678½	725	-do- Ltsp Cv	1640½	-28½	....	....	....
415	211	Phonelinks	415	....	....	....	....
327	171½	Pitco	326	....	....	1.6	27.3
317	157½	-do- 'A' Voting	316	....	....	1.6	26.5
68	58	Plasmec	70	....	3.0	5.4	5.9
120	76	Pressac	117	+ 3	....	2.7	24.8
281	81	Pstns	261	....	2.5	1.2	69.3
261	147	Rand Elect	256 †	+ 2	4.2	2.4	13.3
73	23	Redstone	70	....	....	3.8	10.7
60	24	Reditune	38	....	....	2.2	74.3
114	61	Real Time	105	....	....	3.6	21.6
35	15	Rhsa	19	....	....	....	24.1
628	367	Rsp Gp	622 †	+ 2	....	3.4	16.0
350	222	Sanderson Elec	348 †	....	9.9	3.6	14.8
89	49	Scantronic	84	+ 1	3.7	4.7	23.0
230	117	Scholes Grp	230	....	....	3.0	27.2
375	221	Sema Gp	326	+10	2.9	1.2	27.2
295	225	Serveline	259	+ 1	5.8	2.8	19.6
49	26	Silverstone	47	....	....	2.7	....
81	37	Soundtracks	77	....	2.4	4.0	....
27½%	17½%	TDK	27½%	....	....	1.2	30.9
52	4½	TDS Circuits	8	....	....	....	....
198	80	Telemetrix	149	....	0.8	0.7	24.5
1128	809	THORN EMI	1128 †	-28	....	3.5	26.1
732	498	Thorpe FW	548	....	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conns	155	+ 1	....	2.5	....
74	43	Gent Sh	68	....	....	....	....
103	23	Goldentkts Gp	63	....	0.3	0.4	....
659	334	GUS	648	+16	....	2.3	19.7
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110	39	Heritage	91	- 1	....	....	....
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390	269	Farepak	389 †	....	5.9	1.9	23.9
10	3	Farringford	7½	....	....	....	....
94	64	Finlay (James)	78	....	....	3.6	20.9
263	78	Fyffes	105	+ 5	....	1.2	....
483	256	Geest	307	+ 4	8.1	3.3	13.8
29½	7	Global	20½	+ ½	0.5	3.0	31.9
68	43	Grand Central	57	....	0.8	1.7	27.2
208	139	Hazelwood Fds	163	+ 2	....	5.0	9.2
131	111	Hillsdown	129	....	8.8	6.1	14.0
250	146	Iceland Group	173	....	....	2.5	10.9
55	32	Ind Cmnty	49	....	1.3

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

SANDRA BLOW Renewing, perhaps, the tradition of the old Diploma Galleries which they replaced, the Sackler Galleries of the Royal Academy are staging their first tribute to one of the Academy's own. Sandra Blow was for some time the RA of the leading "token" abstractionists. Now that the form is much more acceptable in academic circles, she continues to paint with unabated energy and individuality. The show charts her course from 1959 right up to date.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily 10am-6pm. Opens today to March 3 ⓢ

LESLIE HOWARD For the connoisseurs, the selling point of this recital by the personable Australian pianist is a rare outing for a Sonata in E minor by Anton Rubinstein. The Russian composer and pianist, a contemporary of Tchaikovsky, died a hundred years ago this November. Also in the programme is the British premiere of a Liszt arrangement — of Schubert's *Marche militaire*.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm ⓢ

MAYERLING: Zoltan Solymosi is scheduled to dance the deranged Crown Prince Rudolph in Kenneth MacMillan's violently sexual telling of the true story of the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. His 17-year-old mistress Mary Vetsera is played by the fine dramatic dancer, Leanne Benjamin.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7.30pm

PHILHARMONIA: The ever-delightful Labeque sisters play Mozart's Concerto for two pianos, K365, followed by Giuseppe Sinopoli's undoubtedly heavyweight reading of Mahler's massive Fifth Symphony.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL The Old Vic launches its season of plays tonight with John Webster's Jacobean-era thriller of love, loyalty and betrayal, **The Duchess of Malfi**. With Sally Dexter, David Charles, Patrick Pearson and Andrew Jarvis.
Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 250250). Tonight, 7.30pm ⓢ

MANCHESTER Northern Lights, a month-long festival celebrating the city's thriving musical culture and involving most of its professional and student ensembles, begins tonight with a concert by the **Hallé Orchestra**. Oliver Knussen conducts his own Whitman Settings, together with music by Walton, Birtwistle and Stravinsky.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Tonight, 7.30pm ⓢ

SOUTHAMPTON Nicolas Kent's highly praised production of **Playboy of the West Indies**, Mustapha Matura's reworking of Synge, comes here for a month. Cyril Nri plays the son rumoured to have topped his dad.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Victorian Illustrated Books, the Heyday of Wood-Engraving (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall** Photographs of Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward** Roger Hilton and Julian Opie, to Feb 6 (071-928 8800) ... **National Portrait Gallery** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts** Art of the Ancient World, The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Royal College of Art** John Minton (071-584 5020) ... **Serpentine** Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) ... **Tate** Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert** Fabergé (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

■ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR** John Thaw stars in David Hare's study of the Labour Party. Brilliant, necessary, or unfair, depending on your point of view.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tues, 7.15pm; mats today, Sat and Tues, 2pm ⓢ

☐ **APRIL IN PARIS** John Godber's thin play, unless substantially revised since its Hull premiere. At least the cast has quality: Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman as innocents abroad.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm and Sun, 4pm

■ **CABARET:** Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming, fresh from Hamlet, as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat 3pm

☐ **DEAD FUNNY** Terry Johnson sets his latest dark comedy in the last days of Benny Hill.
Zoë Wanamaker, Niall Buggy and David Haig in a fine cast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm ⓢ

◪ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm ⓢ

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 4pm, Sun, 5pm and March 2, 2pm ⓢ

☐ **EDDIE IZZARD** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Opens tonight 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

◪ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE:** Suave and singing, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm

◪ **MACBETH** Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound and his dame in Adrian Noble's production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats today, Sat, 2pm ⓢ

☐ **MACHINAL:** Fiona Shaw, a moving heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm ⓢ

☐ **OLEANNA:** Denis Lawson and Michelle Fairley star in Mamet's tale of power, politics and punishment at an American university.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm ⓢ

☐ **PIAF:** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat, 3pm

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES** Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ⓢ

☐ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER:** Revival of Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim: a snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor. James Saxon leads the almost unchanged cast. Recommended.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26 ⓢ

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion. Susannah York plays the decent woman in love with her son-in-law.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm

◪ **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** New Michael Hastings drama, set in 1940 among a group of aristocrats nervously awaiting Hitler's invasion. Philip Voss, Toby Stephens head an excellent cast.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ☐ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)

DECADENCE (18): Steven Berkoff's play about 1980s greed makes wearisome cinema. Berkoff directs, and co-stars with Joan Collins.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031)

MRS DOUBTFIRE (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Director, Chris Columbus.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** ⓢ (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn.
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◆ **FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prize-winner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
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Gerald Larner on the composer Emmanuel Chabrier, the subject of a South Bank festival

Glimmers of unfinished genius

At this time a hundred years ago Emmanuel Chabrier had just about given up hope. He was painfully aware that his creative powers had deserted him. And although he could not have known that he had only seven months to live, he had by now accepted the fact that he would never get to the end of *Briséïs*, his most cherished opera project — his *Parsifal*, he said — which he had started in 1888 and which had obsessed him ever more cruelly for years. Before the end of March he would write to his composer colleague and friend, Vincent d'Indy, asking him to complete the work which, Chabrier assured him, could be done easily. There is a photograph of Chabrier taken five months later, sitting in the shade on a garden seat still protectively clutching the unfinished score of *Briséïs*.

> ❛ The contrast between young Chabrier and the despondent figure of later years was extraordinary ❜

Anyone who had known the composer of *España* in his prime — the ebullient Auvergnat cutting an incongruous figure in the artistic salons of Paris, entertaining the company with his frankly vulgar sense of humour, his picturesque gestures and, above all, his extravagant improvisations at the keyboard — would have been saddened to see him now. The face is expressionless, the once vigorously stocky body reduced, in spite of the right ankle expansively crossed over the left knee, to slumped submission.

Just as sad for anyone who has seen it is the state of the score he had been working on. D'Indy, who inspected it when Chabrier wrote to him and noted with dismay that it was not even half sketched, did not have the heart to refuse his help at the time — which, as he might have guessed, was to be the last occasion on which he saw him. But after his friend's death in September 1894 D'Indy regretfully had to tell his friend's son, Marcel Chabrier, that he could not go through with it. He did point out, however, that "what there is of *Briséïs* can be perfectly well performed in concerts and will be very interesting in that form".

Indeed, the first act of *Briséïs*, which was first performed by Charles Lamoureux in Paris in 1897 and which, happily, is to be presented in its first British performance at the Edinburgh Festival this year, is an inspired and (for Chabrier) remarkably long-sustained construction, abundant in melody, and harmonically ten years in advance of its time. The first staged performance was given in Berlin in 1899 by none other than Richard Strauss, who clearly had not forgotten it when he came to write *Salome* five years later.

Another thing d'Indy said is that he could not possibly work with Chabrier's librettist. And yet Chabrier had told another friend that Catulle Mendès, who had supplied him with an equally banal libretto for *Gwendoline* several years earlier, was the "only man capable of setting up a real lyric drama" and that his text, based on Goethe's *Die Braut von Corinth*, was "tender, poignant and super-passionate". Blinded perhaps by their common interest in Wagner, he was deluding himself. As Francis Poulenc put it in his affectionate (although annoyingly careless) little book on Chabrier, he was "a lifelong slave of the incorrigible Catulle Mendès".

In fact, of all the many Chabrier misfortunes, his failure to find a competent librettist is the saddest and the most difficult to understand. No composer after Mozart was a more entertaining or accomplished writer of letters than Emmanuel Chabrier. No composer was better acquainted with both the artists and the writers of his time.

He worked for some time in the same government department as Joris-Karl Huysmans; he gave music lessons to Villiers de l'Isle-Adam; he was a regular visitor to the Lemerre bookshop in the Passage Choiseul (a few yards away from another favourite resort, the Bouffes-Parisiens) where the Parnassiens held their earnest discussions; he frequented the literary salons of the Marquise de Ricard, Nina de Callias and Marguerite Charpentier, whose husband published Flaubert, Zola, Daudet, the Goncourt brothers .... and yet when he came back full of inspiration from his prolonged holiday in Spain desperate for a "good Spanish libretto" he couldn't find anyone to write it for him.

Chabrier was far more successful in buying pictures than in securing libretti. He didn't need a libretto as magnificent as *Un Bar aux Folies-Bergère* which held pride of place among the other Manets and the Monets and the Renoirs and the Sisleys in his collection. Anything as good as the sketch for the *Spanish Dancer* which John Singer Sargent gave him would have been enough to enable him to create the Spanish masterpiece that would have followed on *España* as naturally as Ravel's *Heure espagnole* was to follow on his *Rapsodie espagnole*. In fact, his collaborations with writers declined from what might have been the sublime, if he and Verlaine had been more mature at the time, to the preposterous.



The ill-fated Emmanuel Chabrier. Photo: Hulton Deutsch Collection

His most successful librettists were Leterrier and Vanloo, experts in opera-bouffe who wrote the text of *L'Etoile* and who were clever enough to incorporate the best of the numbers from Chabrier's abortive collaboration with Verlaine (they had worked a few years earlier on a pair of subversive little operettas, *Fisch-Ton-Kan* and *Vaucouchard et Fils Ier*, which have recently become available on a valuable Arion CD). Jeremy Sams's English translation of *L'Etoile*, which will be used in Opera North's enhanced concert performance on the South Bank on Wednesday, is remarkably successful in rendering the wit and the spirit of it.

As for Mendès, he will be there on Tuesday and on Thursday — in the curious mixture of French and Wagnerian elements in the *Gwendoline* overture, and in two rather effective little songs. But for a flavour of the operatic collaboration that, frustratingly, might have been, just listen to the setting of the *Ballade des gros Dindons* on Tuesday. With a comic opera of that kind of quality under his belt, Chabrier might have looked a little happier, even in the creeping paralysis of the last months of his life.

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WHEN a Baroque specialist like Nicholas McGegan comes to work with an orchestra like the Hallé there is bound to be compromise, *Gerald Larner writes*. Even so, anyone entering the Free Trade Hall and finding over a hundred members of the Hallé Choir assembled on the platform for a performance of Bach's Mass in B minor could have been excused for thinking that this was not so much compromise as capitulation.

It is to the credit of the chorus, and those who prepared it, that the sound was neither as heavy nor as thick as it looked. If the 20 or so string players had been using period instruments they would probably have been overwhelmed. But in the circumstances, and thanks to the discipline and discretion of the chorus, balance between voices and orchestra was not a problem. Internal choral balance was another matter but never seriously at fault.

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On the other hand, not having performed this work for 25 years, the Hallé Choir is not so familiar with it that it can find its way through such contrapuntal thickets as the opening Kyrie fugue with a firm sense of direction. Nor is it so at ease with the Mass that it can more than occasionally proceed with affection rather than caution.

I wonder how much affection there was in McGegan's interpretation. Dedicated to the memory of Sir Matt Busby and Brian Redhead, this was a special occasion attended by a large and commendably serious audience. But, as far as the actual performance was concerned, the main aim seems to have been to secure maximum brightness wherever possible — as in the Et resurrexit, to take the most obvious and most effective example — and to offset such radiant moments with as dark a colouring as could be contrived, for example in the Crucifixus. It is a fruitful approach, at least from a dramatic point of view, until the last of the four major sections, which does not lend itself to such treatment and which does not directly align itself with the rest of the work in consequence.

Happily, there were outstanding solo performances from the tenor John Mark Ainsley, in a beautifully sung Benedictus, and from the mezzo Patricia Spence, in a moving Agnus Dei. The somewhat abrasive soprano, Susannah Waters, was miscast in this company and one could scarcely blame the bass, David Thomas, for not being two different voices at once.

As for the instrumental obbligati, they were presented with varying degrees of stylishness; the strings were clearly reluctant to renounce vibrato. But they were all most skilfully accomplished, and the conductor must have been grateful to the trumpets for their brilliance in the D major choruses.

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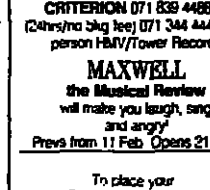
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Bertolucci's masterpiece?

Something has happened to comedy when titbits of language like "Not!" and "Oh yes!", not to mention "hurl", "schwing" or "exsqueeze me", can get audiences rolling in the aisles. Whatever became of funny, well-timed dialogue?

Yet all is not lost. Like its wildly successful predecessor, **Wayne's World 2** may rate poorly when placed next to Hollywood's screwball delights of the 1930s, but there is a sweetness and simplicity to its humour that offsets many crudities. Wayne and Garth, goofy Illinois lads with their own late-night cable television show, have the appeal of kids who have never grown up and still believe in Santa Claus. Their impersonators, Mike Myers and Dana Carvey, are probably on the wrong side of 30, but that is part of the joke too.

The plot, if that is not too dignified a term, concerns their attempt to mount a mammoth rock concert, Waynestock, in their home town of Aurora: the ghost of Jim Morrison gave them this idea, standing in a desert. On a brief trip to England they acquire the services of a legendary roadie soaked in dope (an amusing portrayal by Ralph Brown). En route to the concert, they tangle with Tia Carrere and her record producer Christopher Walken, encounter Kim Basinger in a laundrette (Garth offers her liquorice), and parody movies from *Thelma and Louise* to *Jurassic Park*.

The sketches and japes, directed by television comedy hand Stephen Surjik, pile up in a random fashion. But nothing hurts, or runs on too long. Unlike so many movie characters, Wayne and Garth actually like people, and take life with a smile. For their sweet spirit, if not for the actual jokes, many thanks.

Back to the serious stuff: Chinese politics, deaths from malnutrition and in labour camps, a family's destruction. With this line-up, you would expect **The Blue Kite**, from Tian Zhuangzhuang, the director of *Horse Thief*, to be one long angry wail. Yet Tian keeps his temper, and lets the impact of politics upon domestic bliss be felt through telling details, rueful sighs, quiet discussions of ideology.

We begin in 1953, and watch the characters (based on Tian's own family) buffeted as the years roll by the Rectification Movement, the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution. As the young hero grows from a cute, smiling babe to a moody youth, various relatives are ground underfoot by Mao's march of progress. The cumulative effect is devastating.

Before the story grips like a python, *The Blue Kite* first impresses through its quiet beauty. Using a palette of soft colours, Tian creates a marvellous environment in the family's courtyard building. Maybe the child Tietou is overused: maybe the blue kite itself is a symbol the film does not need. But the strength and humanity of the film leave you close to tears, wondering at human resilience and human suffering. The Chinese authorities had no doubt at all about the film's power: they rejected the first script outright, and delayed post-production for a year.

Judging by its recent films, New Zealand is a great place in which to grow mad, twisted and bitter. Is this because of the isolation, the climate, the gurgling volcanic mud? At any rate, the cast of **Jack Be Nimble**, a striking first film from Garth Maxwell, do not enjoy the best mental health.

Jack and Dora, young children, are farmed out to different adoptive parents. Dora, half-smothered in suburbia, develops psychic powers. Down on his farm, Jack practises his burgeoning malevolence on step-parents who whip his hide with barbed wire. Helped by a hypnotic appliance made at school, he escorts them to their deaths and earns the enmity of their ghoulish, long-haired daughters. Sister finds brother in due course, and many more corpses follow.

How should we react to this gristy yarn? A shoulder shrug is one answer, for the talented young writer and director changes moods so many times, from horror comedy to eerie fairytale, from arty artifact to commercial bloodbath.

Yet if the pieces never bind together, Maxwell still gives us much to ponder (family bonds, the beast within), and builds his jigsaw with visual flourishes that stop just short of the show-off stunts of so many first films. As the mature Jack and Dora, Alexis Arquette and Sarah Smuts-Kennedy keep straight faces no matter what, and help to make this jumbled work linger in the mind after many tidier films have vanished.

"Do me a favour — act normal," Eric Stoltz pleads as Tim Roth launches into a waffly tirade in **Bodies, Rest & Motion**. A forlorn hope: no one acts normal in this hollow American independent film which begins by quoting Newton's First Law of Motion, then stands rooted to the spot for 90 minutes.

The material bears much of the blame. Roger Hedden's script (based on his stage play) never finds the words to make its drifting characters and their search for love worth the audience's bother. Then Michael Steinberg, co-director of *The Waterdance*, puts his oar in by straining too hard for artistic images of Arizona skies, pink shopping-mall architecture and a gas station's Indian sign.

The cast itself is likable: Tim Roth, hair dangling over his eyes, as a TV salesman itching for a new life; Bridget Fonda as the partner unsure which way to turn; Phoebe Cates and Eric Stoltz as friends, new and old. But they are sunk in the mire of a film too boring and precious by half.

In the wake of France's rigorous defence of its own film industry, up comes one of the commercial offerings it struggled to protect from the Hollywood behemoth. **Les Visiteurs** is the name, and it is terrible. Do not be swayed by the awful rumour that this raucous comedy is France's biggest box-office success since cinema began: mark that down to the inflation in seat prices, and the curse of the lowest common denominator.

The central jest of Jean-Marie Poiré's film is not without promise. A 12th-century knight and his peasant vassal are thrust by a wizard's botched spell into the modern world of cars, burgers and bag ladies. But in most cases, you cannot see the jokes or the class satire for the rock-bottom slapstick.

Better by far to seek out the restored print of **The Conformist**. Bertolucci's wonderful version of Moravia's novel about a professor's involvement with the Fascists. Jean-Louis Trintignant builds a complex portrait of the conformist professor, putty-soft and nervous, swept along by events, while Bertolucci's camera glides and spins through the bizarre, stylised decor. Few subsequent films by the director have proved so cogent, or built to last.



Mike Myers and Dana Carvey as Illinois lads Wayne and Garth — probably on the wrong side of 30, but that is part of the joke too

Uphill struggle of Brits abroad

THEATRE: Parisian joie de vivre vanquishes Yorkshire aggro

April in Paris
Ambassadors

This is another demotic comedy about the English on vacation from John Godber, but one in which he takes a considerably less dim view of the subject than he did in his recent *On the Piste*. As I recall it, that play involved downhill journeys galore: boors and louts on skis, relationships on the skids. But in *April in Paris* the movement seems mostly to be upwards, whether the Eiffel Tower is being scaled or a moribund marriage brought back to some semblance of life. The result, directed by Godber himself, is quieter, gentler and, frankly, rather less fun.

We all know that Hull's most famous little-Englander, the late Philip Larkin, did not spend his holidays roaming the beaches of Benidorm in a mauve and yellow shell-suit. But who would have thought its more everyday inhabitants were as cut-off as Godber's play suggests? Maria Friedman's Bet has never been to London, let alone to Britain's near abroad. The horizons of her husband Al, a rumpled, roly-poly Gary Olsen, extend to a tent in the garden or maybe a trip to Whitby; and not only because he has recently lost his builder's job. Paris might be Peking as far as they are concerned.

Act I is mostly devoted to demonstrating the emptiness of their days. The evidence starts with their living-room, designed by Robert Jones as a tiny cube of white chairs, white floor and bare white walls. It extends to their clothes and the paintings Al does in his shed, all of which favour grey. It stretches to their conversation, which might have been written by Strindberg in collaboration with the cartoonist Donald McGill, and consists of complaint and enervating aggro. Friedman's frustrated Bet: "They say Yorkshiremen prefer having a pint to making love to their wives." Long pause, in which Olsen's slobbish Al morosely ponders the motion: "What sort of pint?"

The trouble is that their war — more cold than hot, and more damp than either — keeps repeating itself. Godber has not solved the old problem of making monotony interesting. Even after Bet has won one of the magazine competitions that obsess her and irk Al, and they are on a ferry to Holland, Yorkshire dourness tends to inhibit dramatic inventiveness. Godber brings a wry humour to the scene in which Al comforts his weeping wife while trying to avoid her breath and the vomit on her anorak: but it is not as funny or as touching as I suspect he hoped.

Then comes Paris: bafflement, discomfort, Toulouse-Lautrec decor, and general uplift. Al has predictable trouble with his steak tartare — "horse giblets" — but is entranced by the Louvre. Both have a terrific time at some downmarket *Cage aux Folles* in the Pigalle, and share a moment of prayer in Notre Dame. They don't want to go home, and, when they do, their hatred has subsided. All is pidgin French and talk of another trip abroad, this time maybe to Mexico.

And what has Al painted? Why, an orange Eiffel Tower dancing in front of yellow-green buds. But, that touch apart, the final effect is not as sentimental as one would expect. Indeed, Godber's point is at root a pretty unsentimental one: some of our fellow citizens lead such dull lives that the merest glimpse outside the cage can send them mentally into orbit. I just wish he had found some jollier, more imaginative way of conveying it.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman get to grips with France (drawn by Bill Hewison)

Surprise season

AN UNEXPECTED bonus of the Los Angeles earthquake: thanks to quake damage at an LA theatre, the American choreographer Twyla Tharp suddenly finds herself free to make a surprise, last-minute trip to London in March, her first visit here in more than ten years. A pair of programmes on offer at Riverside Studios from March 1 to 12 will present a catalogue of Tharp's finest works. They include such perennial hits as *Nine Sinatra Songs* and *In The Upper Room* (a great success for American Ballet Theatre on its 1990 visit to London). Other works range from the Harlem jazz tunes of *Baker's Dozen* to the sensuous Latin rhythms of *Sextet*. Costume designs come from fashion giants Oscar de la Renta and Ralph Lauren. The last time Tharp brought her company to London was at Sadler's Wells in 1983.

ARTS BRIEFING

● THE life and work of the remarkable Brontë family is the subject of a new ballet from Christopher Gable and Gillian Lynne for Northern Ballet Theatre, which will premiere it during the spring of 1995. The Brontë ballet is being choreographed by Lynne, who made the award-winning *A Simple Man* for NBT, and designed by Lez Brotherston, whose work for NBT includes the recent *Christmas Carol*.

Gable, who is producing, has been working with Brian Wilks, vice-president of the Brontë Society, and has decided to focus on the Brontë family, rather than the celebrated novels, *Jane Eyre* and *Wuthering Heights*. According to Gable, "the story of Patrick Brontë and his astonishing family is every bit as exciting as the stories that the girls wrote".

Last chance . . .

FIFTEEN years after the "Twentieth Century Portraits" show at the National Portrait Gallery (071-306 0055), the same institution takes up the tale in "The Portrait Now" to give some idea of what has been happening since, at home and abroad. The big difference is that the new show marks the opening of the NPG's new temporary exhibition space and extensive late 20th-century galleries. They will be around for a long time, but this show closes on Sunday.

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Resistible rise of Greater Serbia

No historian of Bosnia's war can ignore this account of its horrors, says **Norman Stone**

SEASONS IN HELL
Understanding Bosnia's War
By Ed Vulliamy
Simon & Schuster, £6.99 pbk original

The *Economist*, two years ago, found a Serbian officer fighting in the Bosnian army. The journalist asked him why. He was told: "For the first time in their history, the Serbs are fighting on the side of evil." That man was right.

The modern history of Serbia had been one of extraordinary toughness, and the country seemed to have the right enemies. Northern European Protestants, from Ranke and Sir Arthur Evans to A.J.P. Taylor and Rebecca West, applauded it, as Serbia took on the Ottoman Empire and the Catholic Habsburgs. Yugoslavia, even if it was Serb-dominated, had many friends in the West, thus the effrontery and brutality of the Serbs in Bosnia has come as a great shock.

Ed Vulliamy of *The Guardian* has been in and out of Croatia and Bosnia over the past two years, recording what he saw: an army attacking defenceless women and children. He witnessed the siege of Vukovar, in eastern Croatia, when the place was wrecked in the latter months of 1991. He was in Dubrovnik when the siege began there, too, and a Yugoslav warship chased his ferry-boat into the harbour. And then there is Bosnia, which he has covered, with great ingenuity. He was the first print journalist to work out what was happening in those horrible Serbian camps.

His strength is the depiction of these horrors, and he has given historians a first-rate source for any future account of this war. Anyone who has seen the area has his own particular memory. Mine is the sight of an 18th-century stud farm, the prize horses all gunned down; the historian Ivo Banac remembers the 17th-century herbarium, of all things, wantonly destroyed outside Dubrovnik (along with 40 miles of the coast).

But of course the real horrors have been far, far worse. The details are by now well-known to the world, but Vulliamy's account is the most up-to-date. In his foreword, he thanks many other journalists, and they have been a very courageous lot. In this war, unlike any other in modern times, journalists have been a target for the aggressive side. Early on, the Serbs in Vukovar were killing journalists, especially television ones, just as they shot down helicopters carrying neutral observers.

If you were brought up on the Serbian myth, as nearly everyone in the West was, this was a great conundrum: for a sort of collective psychopathy seemed to have seized the nation. Far from condemning what was being done in their name, the Serbian electorate confirmed President Slobodan Milosevic in power. The chief opposition to him, such as it was, came from parties that were wedded to a fascistic version of Milosevic's nationalism.

So, in Belgrade, we had people with a Mussolinian drive and a Leninist understanding of power. It was a devastating combination, and its casualties — small children shelled while tobogganing in Sarajevo — are still mounting. Even Vulliamy, recording yet another horror, two and a half years since the series began in Slovenia, cannot fail to be repetitive.

And there is "Europe", attempting to stop the battle. This all deserves the heading "Carry On Carrington", with which this mediation started, and Vulliamy is contemptuous. The British Army is the best professional force in the world. In Bosnia, the soldiers are used as high-class grocery-boys, and not only that: they are humiliated by drunken Serb ruffians, made to hand over supplies to them, or to pay hard currency. The airport at Tuzla, which could easily be used to send in supplies, remains closed,



Ed Vulliamy: ingenuity

because no one will defend it if the Serbs choose to attack it.

So British soldiers slither up hill and down dale in snowy mountains, to the general refrain: "We're here because we're here because we're here." John Major turned up in Split — he would not go to the front lines, so had the troops brought to him — and distributed tapes of pop music. Vulliamy admires the British performance on the ground, and is right to do so. We are still the best when it comes to a crisis. But why cause one?

The plan to partition Bosnia was bound to cause trouble in the only quarter from which hope emerged. The Croats and Bosnians had operated in uneasy alliance, and sensible Croats (of whom there are many more than Vulliamy allows) said that some sort of Muslim-Croat confederacy would be the answer in Bosnia. Once the plan came about to partition Bosnia, it was a go-ahead for nationalist Croats. They felt a mysterious attachment to the barren rocks of Herzegovina, did not trust the Muslims, and believed that some sort of deal could be done with Belgrade, by which the Serb minority-areas of Croatia could be swapped for eastern Bosnia. They joined in the attack on Bosnia, and Vulliamy condemns them utterly.

Certainly, Croatia's President Tudjman comes across as an oaf, but the Croats do have a case. They did try to keep Yugoslavia together in some form. Only they did not want to live in a country much of whose gross national product was being devoted to the Serbs' absurd repression of the Albanians in Kosovo. Besides, if Bosnia was not going to be defended by the West, the Croats might as well have their share of the poor place — along lines already drawn in 1939.

Vulliamy is a very, very good reporter on all of this. I have a grumble or two on the historical side: the idea that the Bosnian Muslims descend from Bogumil heretics has been disproved (according to Smail Balic, their heresy was "Patarene", but even that account has generally been rejected).

Also, he repeats the tale that 700,000 people were killed during the Second World War at Jasenovac camp by the fascist Croats. The figure is a wild exaggeration — 80,000 is more accurate, at any rate according to Ivo Goldstein's summary of the investigations in the Zagreb periodical, *Erasmus* (No 1, 1993). It is of course grotesque that honest historians are accused of excusing genocide if they try just to set the record straight.

Sensible people in Zagreb voice considerable opposition to the doings of the Tudjman government — they include Cardinal Kuharic, and the speaker of the parliament, Mesic — and Vulliamy does not give them sufficient credit. The difficulty has been, as ever, that the good guys have been let down by a West that keeps getting elementary things wrong.

VINCE BEVAN



June 1993: an abandoned apartment on the front line of the battle between Muslims and Croats for the historic town of Mostar in Bosnia

His cruel little vixen

Amanda Holden

INTIMATE LETTERS
Leoš Janáček to Kamila Stösslová
Edited by John Tyrrell
Faber, £25

In 1917, when he was 63 and on holiday alone, the composer Leoš Janáček met Kamila Stösslová, the 25-year-old wife of an antique dealer and mother of two tiny sons. From then until his death 11 years later, he wrote her more than 700 love letters. These are an extraordinary chronicle of the composer's thoughts and deeds throughout those last years of his life, the period in which he wrote his greatest music (including four major operas) and at last received the international recognition he deserved. There is no more intimate and honest self-portrait of any composer.

A selection of these letters, first published in Czech in 1990, has now been edited and translated by the distinguished musicologist, John Tyrrell. His own writing is elegant, objective and authoritative, explaining every detail in the letters, from the sublime references to the music to the meticulous descriptions of the minutiae of Czech life.

Janáček escaped a loveless marriage by writing letters to a dull, uneducated woman. Both her husband and his wife realised the situation without obstructing it and anyway, it was contained by a combination of Kamila's cool indifference and sense of duty to her family and the composer's automatic passion. Zdenka Janáčková, the composer's wife, wrote in her memoirs of the Stössel family's first visit "...they brought action and laughter into our sad quietness" as if she acknowledged Kamila's vital contribution to her husband's well-being.

But it was Janáček's idealised vision of this woman, rather than her reality (they actually met very rarely and even then her husband or a son was often in tow) that sustained him and was the inspiration for the title role in *Káťa Kabanová*, the gypsy girl Zefka in the song cycle *The Diary of One who Disappeared*, Elina ("the cold one", as Janáček called her) in *The Makropulous Affair*, both Akulka and Aljeja in *From the House of the Dead* and, most directly of all, the 2nd String Quartet, "Intimate Letters", in which Janáček's words to Kamila became music.

His love was a constant flame, only occasionally flickering during the early days when she habitually ignored his letters and repeatedly failed to turn up to his premières. It rose to a crescendo during the last two years of the composer's life, when he wrote to her every day. If she had been able to reciprocate his devotion or show any interest in his work, that vision might not have sustained him; but perhaps it was precisely her diffidence that kept his creative fire burning. She bestowed optimism on an otherwise pessimistic man and even when honours finally showered upon him, thoughts of her — his muse — were his only joy. Not until his last two years did they become closer friends. The fact that she was with him when he died, whereupon she sent a message to his wife telling her he was dangerously ill, was the reward for his devotion.



Janáček sent 700 letters to his muse

Janáček's letters radiate the gamut of emotion as well as a precise, clipped style, both of which radiate from his music. The first letter is from someone who has obviously fallen in love at first sight but whose relationship remained formal; though they met in 1917, he didn't kiss her until they had been acquainted for ten years, after he had written her 473 letters. And he only mentioned this precious moment in a letter written during the last month of his life.

Though she kept his letters, Kamila cruelly told Janáček to burn hers (in fact he could only bear to burn one when its replacement arrived). His surviving letters are boring and illiterate, reminding us how pitifully unappreciative she was of both his love and his art. The lively radiance he adored is absent from her writing and one begins to wonder whether it was not a figment of his imagination. In contrast, Janáček's letters are rhapsodic in their lyricism, constant reminders of an innate literary gift and, indeed, that he was one of an extremely rare species — the composer who successfully writes his own libretti. But though Janáček's descriptions of his work originally fell on deaf ears, they were by no means in vain. Not only did they sustain his own creativity, but they provide an insight into one of this century's greatest musical minds.

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Britain's brand new traditions

Paul Barker

BRITONS
Forging the nation, 1707-1837
By Linda Colley
Pimlico, £10 pbk

Everything is older than you think. The Prince of Wales is trying to straighten out his image as a man who couldn't do right by his wife. The picture-book idea of a harmonious royal "family" is often said to be an example of Victorian values. But it was invented by Victoria's grandfather, George III, along with other brand-new traditions.

The purpose was to strengthen a new-fledged British patriotism. In 1809, to inaugurate the fiftieth year of his long reign, poor mad King George also held the first-ever royal jubilee. Royal fictions continue in this summer's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of an event that was itself sheer invention, the 1969 inauguration of the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon castle. Pish-tushery enthroned.

Linda Colley's enthralling study of how Great Britain invented itself as a united nation could not come out in paperback at a better moment. Anyone trying to understand what being "British" means today (if anything) should read it. She argues that Great Britain was created by its Protestant beliefs which the Hanoverian succession embodied and a willingness to wage war to defend them. Mrs Thatcher, as so often, touched a historical chord when she took up arms against the Argentinians, who were both Catholic and ruled by unelected tyrants. It was in the direct tradition of 18th-century wars. But, even among her supporters, praise for the Falklands victory was often tinged with embarrassment. Does anyone outside Ulster now believe that Britishness is defined by a Protestant "just war"?

The tragedy is that what is now a political vestigial organ, was once the heart of the matter. With a wide-ranging intelligence, Colley charts the growth of a genuine patriotism uniting those who thought of themselves as only English, Scottish or Welsh. In an antidote to Scottish nationalist propaganda, she is sharp and funny on what the Scots got out of this bargain.

The new patriotism encompassed all social classes. Hers is not the history of the dissenters in thought, word or deed who have been so much studied since E.P. Thompson's *The Making of the English Working Class* some 30 years ago. Thompson wrote that he was "seeking to rescue the poor stockinger, the Luddite cropper, the 'obsolete' hand-loom weaver, the 'utopian' artisan, and even the deluded follower of Joanna Southcott, from the enormous condescension of posterity".

This became a substitute orthodoxy which Thompson himself would have deplored. For a new generation, Colley rescues the opinions and actions of the quiet, non-dissident mass of the people from the enormous condescension of the politically correct. To her, as to the classic Whig historians, Waterloo is far more important than Peterloo. Before they were mown down at St Peter's Fields, that orderly Manchester crowd sang patriotic songs. Britons never would be slaves. Who sings "Rule, Britannia" now, outside the last night of the Proms?

Joanie and her mother

Gill Hornby

THE SENSE OF THINGS
By Alison Dye
Heinemann, £9.99

IT IS clear from the beginning of *The Sense of Things* that its heroine is a touch eccentric. Her preferred dress at all times, even on a date to the cinema, is the white uniform — including hat and badge — of a patissière. She likes to play five-hand poker, but only to her own method of scoring. Although she doesn't actually drive, she does like to do the steering, and has ambitions soon "to encompass the entire spectrum". On one level, Joan Marie Pardee is a fine new comic creation.

Since she dropped out of college, Joanie has been working happily for old Louie Fusco in his pastry shop in New Jersey. As the novel opens, she is going to live with him, too. Ernestine Pardee has just died and bequeathed her 29-year-old daughter to his care: "I am holding you under strict instructions to put Joanie in the direction of reality, Mr Fusco." It's a hard task. Joanie has separated herself from reality because, during her mother's lifetime, reality for her was constant emotional and physical abuse.

Joan's recollections of her mother are unquestioning: "Naturally I loved her more than anything." We only learn of Ernestine's views on child-rearing from her instructions to Louie: "I usually strike her when she talks back because respect is important". Her father's suicide seems unconnected to her, and it is only at the end of the book, as she first gropes towards reality, that she can bring herself to remember the details of how her beloved baby brother, EJ, drowned.

It's a brave idea to make a character who survives on self-deception the narrator of her own life-story, but this is Dye's triumph. Joan looks at everything with a child's trust — "She had hit me before but I do not believe these blows caused my deafness" — generosity and good-humour. Even as the full horror of her story unfolds, the voice never falters — "a week later EJ fell in the sea, so that was the end of tying him down".

This is a highly original novel, with a highly unusual preface: three pages of acknowledgements more in the style of a seasoned Oscar winner than the author of a first novel. Dye thanks simply everybody for their help, including her dog and a kettle. Do not be put off. This is a fine début. Both dog and kettle can feel proud.

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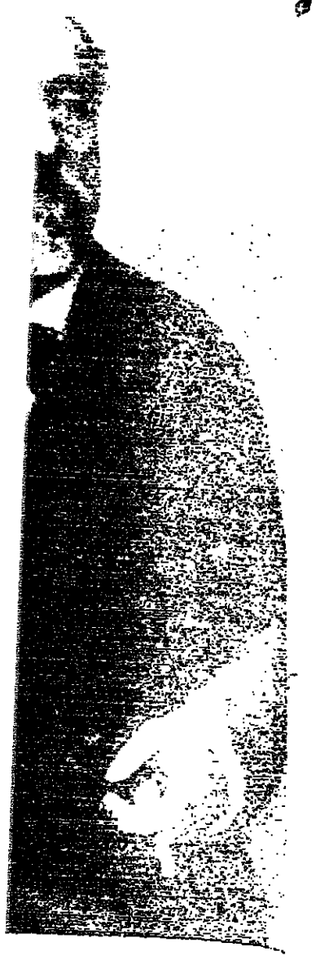
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Star-struck on subsidy

Are top performers worth vast fees, when orchestras and opera houses are struggling? Richard Morrison examines the figures

A Britsh orchestral manager is wearily describing the protracted contract negotiations he has just concluded with his orchestra's famous conductor. "It was astonishing," he says. "We talked for five hours non-stop. He went into every tiny detail. Nothing was too insignificant for his eagle eye. And in all that time, he never once mentioned the word music."

Perhaps the only astonishing thing about this anecdote is that the manager was astonished. The music business is, by and large, obsessed with money: with the lack of it (witness the six-month wrangle about orchestral funds last year) — or, in the case of a few superstars, with what seems like a gross overabundance of it. And it is this apparent imbalance that makes the classical-music world appear uniquely perverse.

Consider these figures. For steering the Vienna Philharmonic through a few waltzes and polkas on January 1, 1992, Carlos Kleiber was reputedly paid £200,000. Okay, the guy conducts a mean polka. But £200,000 is more than most orchestras receive in public subsidy for a whole month. For doing a run of eight performances at Covent Garden, a top opera singer — even one whose name is not Pavarotti, Carreras, Te Kanawa or Domingo — could expect £0,000. Yet small-scale opera companies scrabble after grants of half that amount, and a principal working down the road at English National Opera might receive as little as £350 a week.

For jetting in to London and playing a single concerto, a Perlman or a Pollini will pick up a fee of around £12,000. Meanwhile, the 70-odd orchestral players on the platform with him will share about £6,000 between them.

And so on. Nobody disputes that great singers, conductors and instrumentalists deserve much bigger fees than rank-and-file fiddle players. The question is whether they should be getting *quite* such large slices of the cake at a time when the public subsidy of music is being squeezed so painfully.

In Britain, opera houses and orchestras have been hit by a triple-whammy: falling box-office, falling sponsorship, falling subsidy. In short, there is a lot less money about. By contrast, the fees demanded by the superstars go relentlessly up. Three years ago, *The Times* analysed the balance-sheet for a production of Verdi's *Attila* at Covent Garden. In eight performances it took £640,000 at the box office, of which a startling £289,000 (45 per cent of the box office income) went on fees for the eight principal singers and the conductor. There were more than 400 other people involved in the production. Today, that percentage could well be higher for certain superstar-led productions.

Of course, all things are relative. Opera superstars earn comparatively little when compared with rock idols, film stars or (and here we enter the realms of the surreal) American football quarterbacks. The difference is that all of those are paid according to their box-office worth. Barbra Streisand may net a tolerable $2 million for two concerts at Las Vegas, but the punters she will attract will probably lose five times that amount to the casino-owners who booked her. Macaulay Culkin may have received a tidy $5 million for *Home Alone 2*. But since the original *Home Alone* grossed $500 million at the box office, one has to admit — albeit through gritted teeth — that the little brat is possibly worth it.

Classical music's superstars would argue that they, too, are paid according to box-office worth. An opera house that books Domingo can put up its ticket prices; and it can also use its Domingo performances to hook punters into buying subscriptions for a whole lot of operas that don't include him. Most importantly, Domingo's presence reassures punters that they are getting "the world's best" at their opera house — even if the singers they hear on other nights suggest a very different story.

Paradoxically, a recession increases the demand for the most expensive performers, as promoters become even more desperate for audiences. "The odd thing about British concert life at present," says one music agent, "is that it is mid-priced British artists who are getting squeezed out. They may give a performance every bit as exhilarating as a superstar, but they simply aren't big enough box-office draws."

> "This particular gravy-train is surely heading for derailment"

Yet the "box office worth" argument surely breaks down when we apply it to opera. After all, if top opera singers were really "worth it" at the box office, there would be no need for opera houses to be subsidised. An ingenious sleight-of-hand is being operated somewhere.

It is more revealing to compare the fees for top classical stars with those commanded by stars in other subsidised performance fields. An average "international" tenor at Covent Garden could earn £5,000 a performance. Yet it is unlikely that the highest-paid ballet star in Britain gets more than £3,000 a performance — and the career of a ballet dancer is much more prone to sudden catastrophe.

As for the top actors in the subsidised British theatre, they are often working (and working superbly) for a pittance. At the Almeida Theatre in Islington, the likes of Diana Rigg, Alan Bates, Janet Suzman and Paul Eddington have been starring in demanding roles for the princely sum of £185 a week. Put in this context, the fees demanded by top singers and conductors in highly subsidised opera houses do seem greedy.

So why don't the world's orchestras and opera houses thrash out a reasonable tariff of fees and stick to it, thus saving the world's taxpayers a great deal of money? The answer is fear. Managements fear that their rivals will break ranks, sign up all the big names, and leave them with mediocre casts, disgruntled audiences and furious sponsors. "I remember a few years ago," says one orchestral administrator, "that the managers of all the London orchestras got together and vowed not to book Jessye Norman until she accepted less money. I think it was when she put her fee up to $40,000 a show. Within a week one of those managers had booked her."

Superstars' agents are adept at exploiting such fears. Indeed, a feature of the past ten years has been the rise of giant classical-music agencies, able to wield enormous clout. Increasingly, such agencies attempt to sell opera houses not just single soloists, but whole casts and conductor: a package deal. "It helps if the opera-house director just happens to be on the agency's books as well," says one insider. "It must make auditions much easier to arrange." Too cynical? You do not need to look beyond the shores of Britain to discover what he means.

Nor do you have to look far to realise how patchy the "excellence" of our centres of musical excellence has become. The more money that opera houses have to pay to their superstar casts, the less there is to pay for the less-glamorous nights. Anybody who has had the misfortune to attend the Royal Opera's performances of *Magic Flute* this season will know exactly how gruesome is the reality of those ominous words, "doing it cheaply".

Public subsidy for opera is collapsing not only in Britain, but throughout Europe. In Germany, as Roger Boyes reported last week, grants have been slashed. Italy's opera houses are in turmoil — admittedly, they often are. In France, a new regime at the "spend, spend, spend" Bastille is urgently attempting to rein in the gargantuan outgoings of that rakish outfit. Many eastern European opera houses, the most subsidised in the world at one time, are now bankrupt.

Everywhere, music administrators — and their political paymasters — are cutting all areas of expenditure. Or rather, all areas except one: the apparently sacrosanct fees of the superstars. It isn't even possible to have an informed public debate on the subject, since no orchestra, agent or opera house will officially reveal what conductors and singers earn, even where public money is involved.

This particular gravy-train is surely heading for imminent derailment. The spectacle of heavily-subsidised opera houses trying to flog ridiculously priced tickets for performances by overpaid singers is clearly an affront to public decency. The only question is whether the music business can reform itself before the whole system crumbles. I fear that there are too many vested interests at stake. But what I chiefly fear is the musical public's incurable addiction to the old, familiar names. That, ultimately, is what allows the superstars and their agents to control the whole music business.

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OPERA: Superficial staging and clumsy conducting mar a comic masterpiece



Cheryl Barker's sweetly sung Adina: a graduate of the Rank Charm School who majored in "vivaciousness"

L'elisir d'amore
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

"A LITTLE masterpiece" is the customary, slightly condescending view of Donizetti's comedy, yet each time you see it the adjective grows ever more redundant. As well as the abundance of melody, the graceful instrumentation, and the sunny, Mediterranean humour, there is a real human relationship at its centre, two young people artfully delineated in Romani's libretto who change, develop and find themselves through the warmth of the music. It really is an *avant la lettre* version of *Tristan*, bogus love philtre and all, but a version with tunes, one that takes half the time, is humanistically positive as opposed to pathologically morbid, yet scarcely less psychologically penetrating. It is quite a big little masterpiece.

Scottish Opera's new production almost succeeds, and almost in spite of itself. It looks excessively pretty in Russell Craig's operetta-ish designs, which admit not a whiff of social realism (why shouldn't even operatic peasants have a bit of mud on their boots?); the lusty chorus is relentlessly eyes-and-teeth; and the principals are more than promising. The Glasgow audience had a really good time at Tuesday's first night, sung in variable Italian. But there are one or two serious problems.

The main one is Marco Guidarini's inflexible, bandmasterish conducting. Donizetti's idiom does not respond to a rhythmic straitjacket, to blaring orchestral sound more suitable to early Verdi, or to strettas taken presto impossibile. Singers of Donizetti should not be chased through their embellishments in strict tempo — nearly all the soloists could, I am sure, have sung more expressively with some sympathetic support. Only in the final duet for Adina and Nemorino did Guidarini start to find the sweet melancholy of the music: it was too late.

It is odd that Giles Havergal, director of one of the smartest theatre companies in the country (the Glasgow Citizens), should seem so old-fashioned when he turns to opera. The chorus routines were pure village-hall, and the impersonation imposed on poor Cheryl Barker's sweetly, accurately sung Adina suggested a graduate of the Rank Charm School who had majored in "vivaciousness", hands on hips, *oeuillades* flung recklessly at the audience, the whole out-of-the-theatrical-ark panto-heroine bit. The show was efficiently, superficially directed, with few of the insights, the simple truths of, say, Stephen Medcalf's production for English Touring Opera.

Worst of all was the introduction of an ever-present, ceaselessly mugging and hideously unfunny mime-artist as a sidekick for Dulcamara: that even a bass as unremarkable as Claude Corbeil should have put up with upstaging on this scale beyond the first day of rehearsal boggles the mind.

But Havergal and Paul Charles Clarke together fashioned an irresistible and infinitely touching Nemorino, a designer-stubbled no-hoper with belt and braces who took himself desperately seriously. Clarke, the most naturally gifted of the young generation of British tenors, prudently rations his appearances, and his pliable, ringingly Italianate tone sounds as fresh and secure as when he first burst upon the scene five years ago. Simon Keenlyside will sing Belcore even better with less competition from the pit, and young Lisa Milne made her professional debut — and her mark — as Gianetta.

With a change of heart on the part of the conductor (or simply a change) and the ministrations of a ruthless staff producer, this show could be as good as it almost is.

RODNEY MILNES

JAZZ: A veteran of the avant-garde plays a new London venue

Radical or just ragged?

Archie Shepp
Dingwalls

LONDON has a new venue in the form of the Dingwalls Jazz Factory, based at the Jongleurs comedy club in Camden Lock, where the promoter Jon Dabner has arranged an international programme featuring the likes of James Blood Ulmer and Greg Osby.

The South African pianist Abdullah Ibrahim arrives on Sunday, and there is talk of a visit by the ultra-chic American singer Shirley Horn later in the year. So far so good. The room has an agreeable night-life ambience, and the sight-lines and acoustics are well up to standard.

I wish the same could be said of the opening performance by the saxophonist Archie Shepp. Once one of the angriest of the angry young men who came up in the Sixties avant-garde, Shepp was a Coltrane acolyte who gained notoriety for his attempts to fuse improvisation with agit-prop politics. In those distant days his albums were part of the decor of many a radical household, nestling on the shelves next to a well-thumbed copy of Eldridge Cleaver's *Soul On Ice*.

Not many people read Cleaver today, and Shepp, too, seems to be adrift. For some years now he has retreated to a rough-hewn version of bop mixed with jarringly sentimental vocal routines. His playing, always the source of controversy, seems more laboured than ever, falling back into ragged, barking phrases which barely sustain a chorus.

Tiredness may well have contributed to this lacklustre display. Luckily the quartet, with Wayne Dockery on bass and Steve McCraven on drums, was lifted by the spare piano stylings of Horace Parlan, a veteran of several duet albums with Shepp.

Parlan's unusually spacious sound — the result of a partially crippled right hand — makes a welcome contrast to the scatter-gun approach of many bop pianists. In an inversion of usual practice, his right hand is mainly confined to marking out chords and intervals, while the left spins single note lines which drift into the upper register.

Shepp offered a brief but pungent soprano saxophone solo on Tadd Dameron's "Hot House". Elsewhere his vocal excursions, in a throaty baritone, were largely indistinct. There is a final set tonight.

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Atherton can expect torrid time

Last opportunity for Hussain to press Test claims

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

THE jigsaw puzzle, which has been in pieces on the floor for much of the last month, is beginning to take shape. By the end of the four-day match against the Leeward Islands, which begins today at the Recreation Ground in St John's, the picture should be all but complete.

By leaving out Alec Stewart, Robin Smith, Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm — all certainties for the first Test match in Jamaica starting on February 19 — the England selectors have hinted strongly that the team to play Barbados in their final warm-up match next week will be the prospective Test side.

The thought will doubtless give a sense of urgency to the unfortunate Nasser Hussain, who, not for the first time in the Caribbean, must feel he has already walked several strides down the plank. If he fails again over the next four days, splashing about in the sea and serving up the pina coladas are liable to be the most taxing of his duties in the coming weeks.

Just two weeks into a three-and-a-half month tour, the Essex batsman is in desperate need of confidence and runs after two noughts in his first four innings. But neither are likely to come to him if he continues to jump across the crease as exaggeratedly and jerkily as he is doing at the moment. His head must be moving when he is trying to sight the ball, which defies even the unorthodoxy encouraged in the West Indies.

Hussain, though, has the heart — "ticker" as Atherton prefers to call it — to work himself out of trouble just in the nick of time and, after a torrid tour of the West Indies with Graham Gooch four years ago, he deserves a change of fortune. Atherton, the England captain, has certainly been prepared to give him every chance.

Matthew Maynard also needs to produce some eleventh-hour heroics to remind the management of his presence. First, though, he has to recover from the stiff neck, caused apparently by sleeping at an awkward angle, which stopped him from batting in the second innings in St Kitts. It would be unlucky if he was shunted into a siding on the basis of one-and-a-half matches and a sore neck, but these tours tend to pass from promise to despair without any intervening stage and the next chance for the Glamorgan player might not arrive until the middle of March. If Maynard is not fit, he will be replaced by Stewart, who will revert to opener.

Otherwise, Ramprakash, who made an accomplished hundred in his opening match in St Kitts, will open with Mike Atherton, knowing that another good innings would surely ensure his place in the Test side, probably at No 3. Graham Thorpe and Graeme Hick, the other contenders for the position, might have to settle for the middle order, provided they build on their form from the opening match.

In a different way, it is a key match for Atherton too, given his own slightly scratchy form in his last two innings and the West Indians' policy of picking on the opposing captain as early as possible.

"Destroy the captain, destroy the team" is their motto — they failed with Gooch last time (before he was injured) and almost paid for it — and, though Atherton is well aware that he will be a prime target, it does not necessarily make him any less vulnerable. The one bouncer per over rule could be given an early test by the Leewards second XI pace attack.

Chris Lewis, Andy Caddick and Steve Watkin form the England seam attack, with two out of the three likely to play in Jamaica, depending on the state of the Sabina Park pitch. Ian Salisbury replaces Phil Tufnell, though not much should be read into that.

Tufnell, for all his volatile temperament, will be the bigger threat to the West Indian batsmen, if, that is, he can rid himself of the notion that all umpires are waging a personal vendetta against him whenever he puts a big toe on foreign soil.

In St Kitts, he actually gained two leg-before decisions against batsmen who were well forward sweeping, neither of which would have been given by the majority of umpires in England. Neither he nor England should be encouraging excuses this early.

TEAM: M A Atherton (captain), M R Ramprakash, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, N Hussain, M P Maynard (or A J Stewart), R C Russell, C C Lewis, A R Caddick, I D K Salisbury, S L Watkin

GRAHAM MORRIS



Hussain hopes he will have bigger fish to fry than yesterday's catch of the day

Norman heads world-class field feeling below par

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN PHUKET, THAILAND

IF THERE was a world tour for the leading professional golfers, then the Johnnie Walker Classic, which starts here this morning, is the type of tournament that would be on it. The world's leading five players and Ian Woosnam, who is seventh in the rankings, have made their way to this holiday island, lured by appearance money that probably approaches £1 million and as much pampering as they can tolerate.

The leading players can hardly wait for the day when 20 or so tournaments around the globe are designated as a world tour for which they are eligible, while lesser players scrap among themselves elsewhere. For the best, the attractions are fewer tournaments, smaller, more select fields, greater prize-money and global sponsorship. Almost everyone else in golf, however, is against the idea, claiming it would be divisive.

At the Blue Canyon Country Club, a course that has been open for less than two years, 144 players from 32 countries are competing and the winner will receive £100,000 plus liberal supplies of the sponsor's product. It is fair to ask why such a tournament, which has more of the world's top ten players than appeared in the world championship in December, is being held in a country where there is a golfing population of only 500,000 and where until three years ago there were barely 50 courses.

The answer is economics. Johnnie Walker sells more Black Label scotch in Thailand than in any other country in the world, 500,000 cases each year. Publicity such as this tournament attracts equals sales, which equals money. It is as simple as that.

For a while, however, it seemed as though Buddha had cursed, not blessed, the most important golf event to take place in this predominantly Buddhist country. One by one the leading players fell ill in the 90° heat and 90 per cent humidity or narrowly avoided accidents.

A giant parasol was blown off its base on a clubhouse balcony and nearly hit Bernhard Langer, the Masters champion, who was standing below. "What's happening?" Langer asked.

Then Greg Norman, the Open champion, announced that he was suffering from a lung infection and his participation was doubtful. This does not sound as though it is a derivative of the allergies for which he was taking five different sorts of pills each day in Dubai but it is obviously serious. Frank Williams, Norman's manager, said the chances of Norman taking part were "no more than 50-50".

To cap it all for the sponsors, whose tournament was in danger of being devalued before they could say "cheers", Nick Price, ranked fourth in the world, awoke yesterday morning with severe tendinitis in his left forearm and withdrew from the pro-am. He hit some 40-yard pitch shots but was in such pain that he went immediately for physiotherapy and was a doubtful starter. A request for a later tee-off time for Price was turned down.

No event in which Woosnam plays is complete without hearing of his woes. Normally, they are to do with his putting. "It's hopeless," he is fond of saying. "I don't know what's the matter." This time, it is his long game — "I try for a fade and hit a hook, go for a draw and hit a cut" — and his back. He could hardly get out of bed, a stiffness he attributed to the air conditioning in his bedroom.

One man who has reached



Feherty: genial

Phuket and is fit and well is David Feherty, the genial Irishman, who has been plying his trade this year on the US tour.

"I'm announced on the first tee as being from Dallas, Texas," Feherty said. "I say to them I'm not really. I'm from Crawfordsburn, Northern Ireland, but they say that's too long."

Feherty has played three events in the United States, missing the cut in one and coming ninth in the Tucson Open. "It's very, very different," Feherty said. "Travel is easier. There are no queues at airports and no national frontiers. But it's hard to say whether I enjoy it as much. I don't know if it's better. The jury is still out on that. I'm on the back foot a lot of the time. I find a lot of players say to me, 'I bet you're glad you're over here. You could have been playing in Morocco'. I say to them: 'We do have running water, you know', and 'we do have the occasional courtesy car'."

South Africa draw strength from de Villiers

FROM PETER ROEBUCK IN ADELAIDE

THE greatest surprise of a fluctuating and fascinating series between South Africa and Australia came in the minutes following its completion when Steve Waugh was acclaimed man of the series, though he had played — very well, admittedly — in only one match.

It was an award that belonged to Fanie de Villiers, a cricketer of immense spirit. De Villiers bowled 13 successive overs in the grilling heat of a Sydney summer's day to take South Africa to a victory that rocked their hosts. De Villiers, a rabbit with a sore paw, also summoned the willpower to bat for 197 minutes in a vain attempt to save his team in Adelaide this week. It was one of cricket's gamest innings.

Had South Africa found ten others of similar tenacity, they would have drawn the match and triumphed in the series over an Australia team that leant heavily on Warne and McDermott. Some of the visitors rose to the peculiar and harsh challenges of a tour of Australia, and some did not. The Kirstens were outstanding, scoring 295 runs between them at an average of 42 and selling their wickets dearly. Peter Kirsten's two innings in Adelaide were of a skill beyond most contemporaries, for technique against spin has declined since English pitches were covered.

Nor could Rhodes be faulted. Having arrived as an average cricketer of plucky temperament, he proved himself a batsman of craft and fortitude, playing Warne off the back foot. England could learn much about playing Warne from Rhodes and, strangely, de Villiers, who put his bat in front of his pads.

That Rhodes, de Villiers and Peter Kirsten ignored bad injuries to play for South Africa told of the visitors' collective determination. That Wessels and Cronje were able to inspire such dedication said much for them. Cronje's leadership was at first praised, and rightly so, but as time went by he grew cautious and his captaincy in Adelaide was disappointing.

Wessels is expected to return as captain for the forthcoming home series against Australia and for the tour of England in the summer, and Cronje will be pleased to be able to concentrate on his batting. Ultimately, South Africa were betrayed not so much by the umpiring, which was inadequate, but by their own weaknesses. Neither Cullinan or McMillan contributed much — 32 Test runs between them in seven innings — and both were confused by Warne. South Africa's bowling told of greener pitches at home. Donald and de Villiers took 24 wickets between them at 28 apiece, and nobody else took more than four. Clive Eksteen, strangely omitted from this party, is expected to be recalled to bowl left-arm spin.

Overall the draw was a fair result, and South Africa must forget about the umpiring and concentrate on correcting their faults. Wessels and Schultz will be back, the pitches and umpiring will be friendlier and they can hope to beat Australia in March. Drawing a series in Australia is a remarkable effort considering how recently South Africa returned to the Test arena. They are a side of fierce determination, a characteristic seen most clearly in their torchbearer, de Villiers.

AUSTRALIA v SOUTH AFRICA AVERAGES

Australia

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
M A Taylor	3	5	0	304	170	60 80	1	1	4
M J Slater	3	5	0	185	92	37 00	—	2	—
D C Boon	3	5	0	156	50	31 20	—	1	1
A R Border	3	5	0	146	84	29 20	—	1	1
D R Martyn	2	3	0	73	59	24 33	—	1	—
M E Waugh	3	5	0	116	84	23 20	—	1	4
I A Healy	3	5	2	41	19	13 66	—	—	6/1
S K Warne	3	4	1	16	11	5 33	—	—	2

ALSO BATTED: S R Waugh (1 Test) 164, 1 (1 catch), C J McDermott (2 Tests) 29*, 6, G D McGrath (1 Test) 10, 1, T B A May (3 Tests) 8*, 0 (1 catch), P R Reiffel (2 Tests) 32*, 2 (1 catch)

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
S R Waugh	24	10	30	4	7 50	4-26	—	
S K Warne	175 1	62	397	18	17 05	7-56	2	1
C J McDermott	115 1	34	246	14	17 57	4-32	—	
G D McGrath	93	9	62	2	31 00	1-30	—	
T B A May	117	42	223	2	111 00	2-26	—	

ALSO BOWLED: M E Waugh 18-6-30-1, P R Reiffel 47-12-105-1, A R Border 7-4-9-0

South Africa

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
P C Wessels	2	3	1	84	53*	42 00	—	1	—
J N Rhodes	3	5	2	124	76*	41 33	—	1	3
A C Hudson	3	5	1	157	80	39 25	—	2	2
G Kirsten	3	5	0	174	67	34 80	—	1	2
W J Cronje	3	5	0	153	71	30 60	—	1	1
P S de Villiers	3	4	0	54	30	13 50	—	—	2
D J Richardson	3	4	0	44	24	11 00	—	—	10
A A Donald	3	4	3	11	10	11 00	—	—	—
D J Cullinan	3	5	0	26	10	5 20	—	—	—

ALSO BATTED: P N Kirsten (1 Test) 79, 32; R P Snell (1 Test) 10, 1 (1 catch); P L Symcox (2 Tests) 7, 4, B M McMillan (1 Test) 4, 2, C R Matthews (2 Tests) 4, 0

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
P S de Villiers	132.3	37	311	11	28 27	6-43	1	1
A A Donald	127.2	26	373	13	28 69	4-88	—	
B M McMillan	41	7	122	4	30 50	3-88	—	
P L Symcox	72.5	17	153	4	38 25	2-49	—	
C R Matthews	58	21	121	3	40 33	3-68	—	
R P Snell	31	9	82	2	41 00	2-38	—	

ALSO BOWLED: G Kirsten 23-8-62-1, P N Kirsten 4-0-17-0, W J Cronje 29-9-68-0

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Captaincy landmark means little to Carling

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ENGLAND'S entry into the rugby union five nations' championship on Saturday against Scotland at Murrayfield may represent the start of their countdown to the 1995 World Cup but it also coincides with the final phase of Will Carling's captaincy of the national team.

Carling, 28, does not see himself sustaining the role beyond the summer of 1995 — should he get that far. That he will break the world record for leadership at Murrayfield is of little moment to him either: 36 of his 43 caps have come as captain since he assumed the role against Australian in 1988 and on Saturday he will pass the mark established by Nick Farr-Jones, of Australia, the former scrum half.

"Someone will beat it and that's that," Carling said yesterday. "I would love to carry on to the World Cup. That's my goal, but I think it's very doubtful I'll continue as captain after that. I will have my work cut out just getting to 1995.

"That would make seven years and I think there's a finite period during which you can hold that sort of job and still retain some sort of freshness. Besides you never know what may happen. Dewi Morris had a wonderful Lions tour last summer and now he finds himself taking a back seat. That can happen to anyone and there's so much competition for places in England."

Carling holds no hostages to fortune as far as this season's championship is concerned. A new side, inexperienced in the five nations, will take time to develop its own style and "things will go wrong along the way", he said. "You can't expect perfection over 18 months."

He plays down over-optimistic talk of grand slams and championships, based primarily on England's defeat of New Zealand at Twickenham in November.

"We didn't see ourselves as underdogs for that game, within the team," he said, "and we don't see ourselves as favourites now. The players realise New Zealand was a one-off, tremendous win which has given us a starting point, a foundation of confidence. But we are nowhere near the finished article. We have to sustain that kind of performance over 18 months and improve on it."

Jonathan Callard, the Bath full back, completed training at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday in comfort after worries about a strained hamstring earlier in the week. England train privately today before flying to Edinburgh this afternoon.

Gatecrasher in land of giants

David Hands meets England's new flank forward and marvels at his fitness routine



Back, in training yesterday, before the England team left for Scotland. Photograph: Simon Walker

What do you do when a long-cherished ambition has been realised? Celebrate? In Neil Back's case you permit the warm glow of pleasure that you have been selected to play your first game for England to creep through from top to toe, then go to the gym.

It would be easy to portray Back as an automaton, a man so dedicated to reaching the highest level in his chosen sport, rugby union, that it excludes everything else, were it not for the wry sense of humour which comes over in his slightly flat Warwickshire tones and which he has learnt to cultivate as an antidote to disappointment.

For all that, when Back was named in England's team to play Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday, a load was clearly lifted from his shoulders. There have been times of bleak indignation — like last season when doubt was cast by Geoff Cooke, the England manager, on the ability of a player of 5ft 10in and 13st 10lb to contest a place among the back-row giants of 6ft 5in and 17st who inhabit the international game.

Five Nations' Championship

Then this season the substantial shoes of the retired Peter Winterbottom, so long England's open-side flanker and the stumbling block to Back's ambition, were filled against New Zealand by Ben Clarke, a converted No 8. Back's answer, like Boxer in Orwell's *Animal Farm* (though not, you hope, with the same outcome), has always been the same — to work harder.

When he knew he was not to play against the All Blacks he invited Rex Hazeldine, the Rugby Football Union's fitness adviser, to tailor a 12-week conditioning programme specifically towards playing international rugby on February 5, even though he had no guarantee that he would play against the Scots.

Previously he had tried to be in peak condition for every league match played by his club, Leicester. Now he will admit to going into league matches at less than his peak, heavy-legged — not that anyone else noticed — after his punishing regime in a Hinckley gymnasium.

It is a methodical approach that has typified Back since he was a hyperactive infant and first came into contact with rugby as a five-year-old at the Earlsdon club in his native Coventry. "It's not only rugby, every aspect of his life he takes seriously," Vanessa, his mother, said. "Once he gets a project going, he's all out to achieve it."

Thus to carry through his present programme, designed to build up Back's natural body weight, he had to compensate for missing Leicester's match last Saturday by returning to the gym after England's Sunday morning training.

Each gym session includes a 13-mile "ride" on a cycling machine (achieved in 16 minutes) and a 3,000-metre row: "That's harder for me because I'm ... so tall," Back says, raising an ironic eyebrow over the "big is beautiful" argument. "As far as pressure goes I don't feel any because I know the groundwork is there and is correct. I know I couldn't be in better shape and I'm confident in my own ability." Not that Back comes over as arrogant. This is the self-belief of a sportsman who first erupted on the national stage with three tries for England Under-21 against Romania in 1989, who has done everything he can to make himself the best in his position.

His fitness levels have astonished the RFU technical staff, who have had to revise their own tests accordingly. But that is only one aspect of his game.

More important, he has the timing and hands of a midfield player (he was once a scrum half) and a sense of space: not for Back that physical assault of player on player, though his tackling is as unyielding as anyone else's.

"We hope his continuity skills will bring the best out of our backs," Cooke said. "We feel we are under-achieving in there and Neil might provide us with that little switch that brings a few tries."

At the same time he might strike a blow for all those who feel rugby is not only a game of confrontation but one of fluidity and deft handling. In Back and John Hall, England have added two flankers to their team who work in insurance — how can they lose?

SPORT IN BRIEF

Wood's form wins praise from Graf

CLARE Wood, of Britain, rose to the occasion and gave Steffi Graf a good run for her money in the second round of the Pan Pacific tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Wood became the first player this year to take seven games off the world No 1 before going down 6-3, 6-4 in 61 minutes.

Her performance was praised by Graf, fresh from victory in the Australian Open. "She served very well and didn't give me many chances," she said. Wood, ranked 92nd in the world, led 3-0 in the second set. She said afterwards: "My first serve was going well and I didn't give her the opportunity to dominate from the back." Martin Navratilova was taken to three sets by Manon Bollegraf, of Holland.

Chris Wilkinson has been forced to pull out of the British Davis Cup squad for the match with Portugal next month. Wilkinson, 24, will be out of action for six weeks because of acute tendinitis in his racket hand — the same injury that has blighted Andre Agassi's career.

Jackman ends wait

SQUASH: Cassandra Jackman, 21, from Norfolk, became the first woman to take a point from an SRA National League match in the ten-year history of the competition when she defeated Mike Herridge, of Duffield, 8-10, 9-2, 3-9, 9-4, 9-3 in a 60-minute string rubber for Keyline Barnham Broome in the first division north on Tuesday night. Herridge, 29, from Ashbourne, also played at fifth string for Duffield in the opening fixture of the season when Nottingham sent out the former national champion, Gawain Briars, to win against him. Nottingham also boast the only other woman to appear in the National League, Lisa Opie.

Record for Mansell

MOTOR SPORT: Nigel Mansell has broken his own unofficial lap record for the Laguna Seca Raceway in California during testing with the Newman-Haas racing team. A team spokesman said Mansell had clocked 1min 10.47sec on the 2.214-mile circuit on Monday, improving on his own unofficial record of 1min 10.80sec set last year. The official track record of 1min 12.296sec was set during last year's race by Emerson Fittipaldi in a Penske. "The car is just fabulous, right out of the box," Mansell said. "It will be a very competitive season, but I am very optimistic."

Douglas in spotlight

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas, national champion on a record 11 occasions, has a last chance on Saturday to convince the England manager, Donald Parker, that he deserves a direct entry into the European championships in Birmingham next month. Douglas, 38, who is the No 1 seed for the Imperial Welsh Open in Cardiff, retired from international competition three years ago. But last month he expressed a wish to return to the limelight in his home city. Parker, who has the Commonwealth championships as a form guide, is expected to name the squad on Monday.

Pakistan pair unfit

CRICKET: The fast bowler, Wasim Akram, and the leg spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed, are doubtful for the Pakistan touring team's match against a New Zealand XI starting in Napier tomorrow, their final game before next week's first Test match at Eden Park, Auckland. Akram, the deposed captain, is confined to bed with a fever and Mushtaq has a small fracture in his lower back. But it is not a recurrence of the injury that cut short his tour of the West Indies early last year. Mushtaq, expected to be fit for the Test, has bowled only four overs on tour so far.

Maradona bows out

FOOTBALL: Diego Maradona yesterday parted company with the Argentine club, Newell's Old Boys, but still hopes to play for Argentina in the World Cup this summer. Walter Cattaneo, the club president, said the decision to cancel his $7 million contract was mutual, but Maradona, beset by injury problems, disagreed. "I intended to abide by the contract," he said, adding he would have medical tests "to see if I can reach the World Cup in good shape". Maradona was later accused of firing an air gun at journalists who besieged his country home and police said that four of them had lodged charges.

SPORTS LETTERS

Responsibility for safety in Alpine skiing

From the International Ski Federation's technical delegate for Great Britain

Sir, Ulrike Maier's fatal accident in a women's World Cup downhill at Garmisch-Partenkirchen is the most unnecessary that ski racing can have witnessed. Garmisch is well known to the racing circuit with a history of successful events and a record of problem weather conditions. This race course has few seriously dangerous zones. The altitude is the main problem with the temperature in the finish area fluctuating around 0°C thoughout the winter.

It is evident from television that Maier hit more than a snow bank, probably a tree stump at the side of the course. Whatever the object, it should have been protected. What is more serious is the timing equipment that was positioned just the other side of the obstacle she hit.

It is the specific responsibility of the World Cup director or the technical delegate to ensure adequate protection against such possibilities. In some cases it is extremely difficult to make certain danger points safe. Because Maier veered practically uphill from the line of the course it was a most improbable accident. However, catching an inside edge of a ski is not uncommon and the safety experts must have an eye to the potential dangers. The fact that the timing equipment was positioned there indicates that the safety experts were aware of the obstruction but did not think it was dangerous. Providing adequate protection should have been a relatively simple exercise.

The course last Saturday did not lack snow, but the underlying surface was hard and very icy in many of the most demanding parts. The fatal accident does not appear to be a fault of the race organisers specifically. However, the race organisers, regardless of their experience, have advisers appointed by the International Ski Federation (FIS) to advise on such questions.

The post of technical delegate was created to act as an arbiter and expert with particular emphasis on safety. As a result, 300 technical delegates were created, supposedly with the experience and expertise to control international events. Due to political pressure and perceived inadequacies, an additional level of security was initiated and now this post controls the event. In fact, because of past circumstances, the race jury under the regulation of the FIS has been changed specifically for World Cup events to prevent such accidents. These regulations put extreme pressure on one person, the World Cup director. The awesome responsibility and stress on this person has not yet been recognised.

We have here the classic example of an international body responsible ostensibly to the national associations but, in fact, dominated by a few, creating an internal system to control itself. Safety in a sport is all important and I can see this fatal accident will be swept under the carpet without serious analysis. There have been few fatal accidents in international Alpine racing but this one could have been avoided. For this reason I believe we may see the first claim for damages due to negligence.

Yours,
RICHARD C. BERRY
Little Gables,
Buxted, Uckfield,
East Sussex.

Venables makes clean break

From Mr Chris Kessell

Sir, In response to David Miller's article (January 20) regarding the suitability of Terry Venables as the England football manager, I would agree that he is probably the only candidate but find this disappointing.

As a lifelong supporter of Tottenham Hotspur, I was excited by Venables's arrival at the club, but would not accept that he was that successful by his previous standards. Tottenham did not challenge for the league championship during his tenure, some of the players he bought were poor and, although Tottenham won the FA Cup, I am convinced this was through the harnessing of emotion rather than well thought out strategy.

I hope Venables does well for England, but his most recent record does not inspire confidence.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS KESSELL,
3, Danes Court,
Frithwood Avenue,
Northwood, Middlesex.

From Mr K. Humphrey

Sir, Your leading article (January 31) states that Terry Venables has a chance to bring back some grace into the beautiful game of football. Omitted, as part of the suggested remedy and requiring urgent attention, is the need to end players' violent reaction to authority and the loud-mouthing of obscenities, that, together with spitting, have crept in and appear to be accepted as normal behaviour.

Could Mr Venables please give us an England team of which we can be proud in all respects?

Yours faithfully,
K. HUMPHREY,
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Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Ruff tactics

From Mr William A. Croft

Sir, In the bridge hand entitled "The slam that could have been beaten" (January 27), Omar Sharif reasoned that "East must be void in either clubs or diamonds ... therefore East hoped for an opening lead ruff and then to cash an ace".

So Sharif should have led the king of clubs. Should East have the ace then he ducks and allows Sharif to give a diamond ruff. Should East be void in clubs then he ruffs and returns the ace of diamonds.

Yours
WILLIAM A. CROFT
6, Butterworth Gardens,
Woodford Green, Essex

☐ Mr Croft's analysis is correct. In fact, Omar Sharif and his counterpart, Bobby Wolff, both realised this too late. The correct description of the play was obscured by a production error.

Double standard

From Mr D.J. Sullivan

Sir, David Hands euphemistically describes Garin Jenkins, the Wales and Swansea hooker, as having "lost control of his actions ..." against Scotland (January 28). From where I was sitting, it looked like Jenkins launched a particularly violent physical assault on another player, three minutes into the five nations' championship match.

If such an incident had occurred on, say, a football field, I am convinced you would find no such euphemisms in use and I hope there would be universal condemnation and a call for a long ban.

Can someone please explain this bewildering double standard? Why do apologists, like your rugby correspondent, seek to mitigate the offence committed after all, on a sports field?

Yours sincerely,
D. J. SULLIVAN,
Tunstall,
Walden Road,
Sewards End,
Essex.

Over-reacting

From Mr P. Cuerden,

Sir, The decision of the Leeds United Football Club board (January 25) to ban for life those "fans" who behaved with such disrespect in failing to observe a minute's silence in memory of Sir Matt Busby at Ewood Park is one of massive over-reaction.

I understood that the observation of a one-minute silence was an obligatory request; I was not aware that the same had become mandatory on admission paying spectators. Whatever next? Ban home supporters for being disrespectful in not applauding the visiting team's victory!

In no way do I condone the behaviour of the individuals but I fail to see why the tribute was imposed universally and not confined to Old Trafford, where Sir Matt had such strong ties as manager of Manchester United.

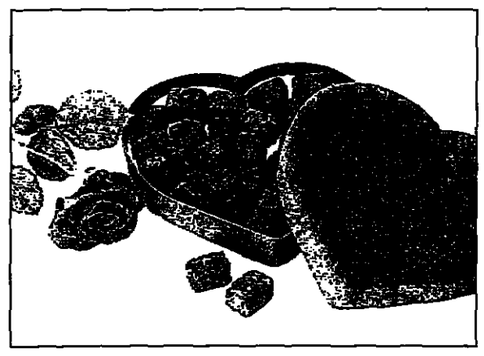
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Critics won over by Toshack's address

BY KEITH PIKE

JOHN Toshack 3, Media 0. The new part-time manager of Wales could hardly have secured a more convincing victory than the one he achieved yesterday morning in the crowded lobby of a Cardiff hotel.

Toshack may have wanted to talk about his hopes and plans, but first he had to deal with incessant questioning about the fate that befell his predecessor, Terry Yorath. Each enquiry was deflected as firmly and precisely as any of the headers he regularly dispatched for Liverpool and his country.

In an age when PR skills are a vital attribute for an international football manager, it was a masterful performance, but probably no more than you would expect from a man who learnt his trade under Shankly



Smith: watching brief

and Paisley, and who as manager of Real Sociedad — a post he will combine with his new duties — has since come under the influence of his near neighbours in San Sebastian, Puskas and Di Stefano.

Feeling is still running high in the principality about the decision to dispense with Yorath's services, and, more important, about the messy way it was handled by the Football Association of Wales.

Sitting alongside Toshack, Alun Evans, the FAW chief executive, was accused of deceit and disloyalty. But while he fidgeted nervously, Toshack was unswerving.

"I value my friendship with Terry, and one of the conditions under which I took the job was that I spoke to him and found out exactly what had happened," Toshack said. "I have been aware of the ill-feeling about the way it was done, but it is not something I wish to dwell on. He [Yorath] will sort out any problems he has with the FAW. I have got a job to get on with." That job has no contract and, Toshack maintained, offers little in the way of recompense.

The FAW will pay Sociedad £4,000 per match as a "facility fee" for Toshack's release before the ten European championship qualifying matches that start in September, but the combined wages for Toshack and Mike Smith, the former Wales manager now his full-time assistant, do not exceed the £60,000 a year Yorath had initially requested.

Toshack does not need the money, nor the political row he walked into yesterday. "I can understand people questioning my appointment and whether it can be done [on a part-time basis], but that will only motivate me more," he said. "I cannot guarantee success and have no magic formula, but I believe in my ability and will not need to be told if things are not working out."

Smith's role will be critical to Toshack's chances. He was Toshack's choice, and is "a man who I trust and have complete confidence in," he said.

While Toshack flew back yesterday afternoon for a meeting with Uefa officials, Smith was keeping a watching brief on the B international between Wales and Scotland at Wrexham last night. He will be Toshack's eyes and ears for 11 months of the year.

The manager himself intends to talk to his senior players, including Ian Rush, who had hinted at not playing for Wales again in the immediate aftermath of Yorath's departure — "heat of the moment" stuff, he believes — and promised evolution rather than revolution for his team.

"We are not a big country and do not have a huge pool of players to call on, so we will need everyone to be pulling in the same direction," Toshack said.

"I have no preconcieved ideas, but it is important to retain the experienced players as long as you can. We must get the balance right, however. Any new manager has to win over both players and supporters. It is an exciting challenge and something I am really looking forward to."

With matches against Norway in March and Sweden in April before the European campaign begins, Wales "have time on our side". Toshack said. By lunchtime, he also had the critics swung over.



Toshack, the new Wales manager, yesterday after deftly fielding questions about Yorath, his predecessor

Fox brings stealth to Newcastle

BY PETER BALL

RUEL Fox yesterday became Newcastle United's most expensive signing. The Norwich winger joined Newcastle for a record £2.5 million fee to help fulfil Kevin Keegan's ambitions to rival Manchester United.

Those ambitions provided reason enough for the winger, one of the most exciting players in the country, to decide to move up the east coast after spending his career at Norwich. His departure immediately after the side's defeat in the FA Cup, and so soon after that of the manager, Mike Walker, will do nothing to still the fears of Norwich supporters that one of the best sides in the club's history may be breaking up.

"I was slightly upset at the way Mike left," Fox said yesterday. "He had ambitions and he made it clear that Norwich weren't going to match them. I can see Newcastle winning things. They are ambitious enough — and good enough. They could be better than the likes of Manchester United in the future. I'm ambitious and I want to play for a big club."

Nobody has doubted Keegan's ambitions, and he has acted quickly at the first stumble in Newcastle's ascent. The sale of Scott to Tottenham has quickly been followed by Fox's arrival as Keegan saw a problem and moved to deal with it.

He had been concerned in recent weeks that his team had been rumbled to some extent, with more than one team successfully stifling Newcastle by employing a sweeper and man-marking Beardsley and Cole. With very few goals coming from midfield, Newcastle were in danger of becoming predictable, and Keegan clearly believes Fox will give them another option, even at a high price for an uncapped player.

"Ruel is the best player of his kind in the country, and was our main target," Keegan said. "That's not just because of his pace and ability, but he also works very hard. It's an awful lot of money, but he's worth it."

Without being prolific, Fox has contributed his share of goals at Norwich, but he is another small forward and will do nothing to improve Newcastle's lack of physical presence in the penalty area. His arrival will undoubtedly increase the competition for places at St James' Park with Lee Clark, or possibly Robert Lee, likely to be the player to make way, initially at least.

He is cup-tied, and so will not be able to help Newcastle in the FA Cup, which offers their most likely source of honours this season. Keegan, however, has wider aims. "We can't say we are challenging Manchester United if we have a team which picks itself every week," he said.

Newcastle have been linked with the Queens Park Rangers defender, Darren Peacock, who would make a natural replacement for Scott, but they have apparently lost interest in Les Ferdinand.

Revitalised Fjortoft decides to stay at Swindon

JAN Aage Fjortoft, Swindon Town's Norwegian striker, yesterday told his former club, Lillestrom, that he would not be returning home. Fjortoft is staying with the FA Carling Premiership's bottom club after finally breaking his goalscoring duck following his £500,000 summer move from Rapid Vienna.

Swindon faced losing Fjortoft after arranging for him to return home this month to find his scoring touch. But after two goals in two games he says he will be staying at the County Ground for the rest of his two-year contract.

"It has been a very difficult time, the longest I've ever had without a goal," he said. "But it is all about hard work and concentration."

Fjortoft is certain to start against Coventry City on Saturday because Andy Mutch, Swindon's top scorer, begins a suspension for his sending-off at Everton.

Derby County are ready to spend again in an effort to revive their promotion challenge by signing Gordon Cowans, the Aston Villa midfield player. The clubs have agreed an "undisclosed fee" for the 36-year-old former England international, who is expected to move today.

Derby have invested more than £12 million on players in the last two years but are still struggling to gain promotion from the first division.

Kenny Dalglish was yesterday named Carling Manager of the Month for January. His Blackburn Rovers side took maximum points from its three games to earn Dalglish his first Manager of the Month award since he left Liverpool in 1991.

Swiss internationals who boycotted a meeting with Swiss Football Association (SFV) and club officials on Tuesday, have won an offer of improved bonuses for this summer's World Cup finals.

Giangiorgio Spiess, the chairman of the national team committee, said yesterday that the new proposed bonuses included 10,000 francs (£1,100) for each player for qualifying for the finals for the first time since 1966.

Each player would also earn a bonus of 4,000 francs for each point gained in the first round and if they qualified for the second round they would earn a further bonus of 15,000 francs.

Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, is suspended from Lazio's Serie A match at Internazionale on Sunday. Gascoigne was banned for one match by the Italian football federation's disciplinary committee yesterday after his latest booking against Cremonese.

Association withstand late rally to defeat students

English Universities 2
Hockey Association XI ... 3

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

A TALENTED team representing the Hockey Association resisted a late challenge to win the annual match against English Universities, formerly known as Universities Athletic Union, at Milton Keynes yesterday.

After recovering from an early shock, the association were 3-1 in front at half-time and should have won more comfortably. But having established superiority, they did a number of clever things and forgot the fundamentals, and nearly lost their advantage.

Before the association had settled, the students snatched the lead when John Bell broke through on his own to score in the fifth minute. At the other end, the universities' goalkeeper, Mark Bachelor, was soon forced to save a barrage of shots but, in the 27th minute, he tripped Jim Henderson in front of goal to concede a penalty stroke which Calum Giles converted.

Duncan Woods, who had been replaced by Phil Capper, returned as the interval approached and put the association ahead with a high shot just inside the far post. Three minutes before half-time, Giles scored the association's third goal with exquisite timing following a short corner.

At the start the second half, the universities substituted John Lander for Bachelor in goal, but their defence was weakened when a knee injury forced Rob Todd off the field, to be replaced by Andre Thomas. Several shots by the association went astray, however, and their progress was also hindered by holding the ball for too long.

In the last ten minutes, the students launched a strong counter-offensive led by Walid Abdo and Pietro Attala. A strong shot by Attala, which was well saved by John Clark, signalled a revival. The pressure on Clark intensified at a short corner and resulted in Simon Organ scoring from a scramble. After short corners at both ends, Woods brought a fine save out to the universities' keeper in the closing seconds.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: M Bachelor (Southampton); R Todd (Aston), N Wilcher (Kent), J Warren (Loughborough), M Taylor (Central Lancashire), P Attala (Middlesex), W Abdo (Cheltenham and Gloucester), O Jones (Loughborough, captain), S Organ (Cheltenham and Gloucester), J Bell (Liverpool), C Keevil (Bath). Substitutes: J Lander (Bath), A Thomas (Loughborough)

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: J Clark (Teddington); S Wood (Beeston), M Kirkland (Slough, captain), G Fordham (Hounslow), J Wyatt (Reading), K Reseby (Beeston), D Woods (Southgate), P Gibbins (Teddington), C Giles (Havant), B Sharpe (Cannock), J Henderson (Bromley). Substitute: P Capper (Formby)

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ATHLETICS

MOSCOW: Indoor meeting: Women: 50 metres: 1 Privalova (Russ) 6.03sec (world best).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Indiana 116 Washington 96, New Jersey 104 Seattle 103, New York 114 Boston 79, Miami 88 Milwaukee 82, San Antonio 112 LA Lakers 97, Chicago 118 Denver 98, Phoenix 108 LA Clippers 106; Utah 104 Houston 88, Sacramento 102 Portland 97.

BOXING

PARIS: European welterweight championship: Gary Jacobs (Glasgow, holder) bt Tahir Nhalainete (Zaire) pts.

CRICKET

HAMILTON (three-day match): New Zealand XI 318-5 dec and 290-5 dec, Pakistan 344-4 dec and 165-2. Match drawn.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: (four days): Western Australia tv New South Wales 295-8 (T Moody 115).

CRESTA RUN

INTER SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP: The Prince Philip Trophy: 1, Royal Air Force 682.71; 2, Royal Navy 687.31; 3, Army 713.14. Lord Trenchard Trophy: 1, Wg Cdr C J Gowers 164.87; 2, Mne D P Wiltshire 168.98; 3, Flt Lt A D Green 170.02. Harland Trophy: 1, Flt Lt D M A Samuels 175.26; 2, Maj R A Hitchcock 175.96; 3, Lt Col A E Wallington 176.54.

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race: Standings after fifth day: 1, J Veggerby (Den) and E de Wilde (Bel) 274pts; 2, B Rus (Den) and U Freuler (Switz) 255; 3, B Risi and K Betschart (Switz) 225; 4, D Clark (Aust) and P Sinozzaro (It) 163, 1 lap behind; 5, A Doyle (GB) and P Peters (Hol) 222, 2 laps behind; 6, J Madsen (Den) and C Wolf (Ger).

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton 2 Ipswich 2; Tottenham 1 Swindon 2. Second division: Swansea 3 Cardiff 3. Postponed: Bournemouth v Exeter (waterlogged pitch).
ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-19 TROPHY: Devon 3 Hampshire 2. Under-15 Trophy: Somerset 1 Devon 3.
ENGLISH MARS UNDER-18 TROPHY: Wanger's Cross Preseeds: 0 The Cherwell School (Oxford) 3.
Late results on Tuesday
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE. First division: Crystal Palace 3 Peterborough 2; Grimsby 2 West Brom 2. Second division: Stockport 1 Blackpool 0. Third division: Chester 1 Lincoln 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE. First division: Airdrie 2 Morton 2. Second division: Berwick 1 Alloa 1. Cowdenbeath 1 Stenhousemuir 3.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Slough 1 Welling 1. Telford 1 Merthyr 0.
DRINKWISE CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Bromsgrove 1 Yeovil 2.
FA TROPHY: First round replay: Colwyn Bay 2 Stalybridge 2 (aet).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 0 Cheltenham 1. Nuneaton 1 Burton 2. Midland division: Bedworth 1 Leicester United 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier Division: Wokingham 1 Kingstonian 3. Postponed: Basingstoke v Dorking, Sutton United v Yeading. First division: Staines 3 Croydon 0. Second division: Rainham 1 Newbury 2, Saffron Walden 2 Thame 2.
Third division: Harefield 1 Chesham 3, Hertford 3 Flackwell 1. Carlsberg Cup, Enfield 0 Hendon 1, Harrow 2 Aylesbury 1, St Albans 5 Leyton 3. Carlsberg Trophy: second round: Hampton 1 Leatherhead 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gainsborough 2 Leek 5. Cup, Second round replay: Knowsley 2 Eastwood Town 0 (aet).
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier Division: Diss 1 Gorleston 1.
PONTINS LEAGUE. First division: Derby 2 Sheffield Wed 2. Everton 1 Coventry 0. Notts County 2 Sunderland 1. Sheffield Utd 0 Manchester Utd 4.
CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Final: Ards 4 Crusaders 2.
SPANISH CUP: Quarter-final, second leg: Real Madrid 0 Tenerife 3 (agg: 1-5).

HOCKEY

ERNST AND YOUNG: Midland League: Premier division: Belper 1 Coventry and North Warks 0; Finchfield 2 Leicester Westleigh 5, Hampton in Arden 1 Bloxwich 0; Khalsa 1 Worcester Norton 0; Lichfield 0 Olton and West Warks 3.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University 1 Royal Navy 0; Oxford University 3 Royal Navy 0; Oxford University 3 RAF 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Islanders 5 San Jose 4. Pittsburgh 2 Florida 1; Hartford 2 Quebec 1; St Louis 4 Toronto 4.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Regal Welsh Open: Second round: S Hendry (Scot) bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-3. J White (Eng) bt N Terry (Eng) 5-4. A McManus (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-2. J Wattana (Thai) bt S James (Eng) 5-4.

REAL TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open Championship: Final: W Davies (Aust) bt R Fahey (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

RACKETS

MONTREAL: Canadian open championships: Semi-finals (GB unless stated): W Boone bt T Coomber 9-15, 15-2, 15-6, 10-15, 15-4. R Owen-Browne bt B Sambrook (US) 15-4, 15-0, 15-6. Final: Boone bt Owen-Browne 15-12, 18-13, 15-10. Doubles. Final: Owen-Browne and Cockroft bt V Cazale and Boone 15-10, 15-9, 15-10.

RUGBY UNION

Representative match: Cambridge University 18, Army 27.

SKIING

SIERRA NEVADA: World Cup women's downhill. 1, H Lavch (US) 2min 04.21sec; 2, M Suchet (Fr) 2.04.23; 3, I Kostner (It) 2.04.65; 4, K Seizinger (Ger) 2.04.98; 5, S Gladisheva (Russ) 2.05.00; 6, N Brauner (Fr) 2.05.06; 7, K Pace (Can) 2.05.13; 8, K Schmidinger (US) 2.05.16; 9, B Perez (It) 2.05.26; 10, P Wiberg (Swe) 2.05.42; 11, M Ertl (Ger) 2.05.50; 12, H Zurbriggen (Switz) 2.05.57; 13, R Rancth (Ger) 2.05.59; 14, M Gerety (US) 2.05.63; 15, R Haeusl (Ger) 2.05.70; 16, C Montillet (Fr) 2.05.73; 17, P Street (US) 2.05.80; 18, W Zelenskaja (Russ) 2.05.90; 19, K Gutenkohn (Ger) 2.05.98; 20, R Cavagnoud (Fr) 2.06.06.
World Cup overall: 1, P Wiberg (Swe) 1,029; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 1,010; 3, A Wachtler (Austria) 896; 4, Seizinger 744; 5, U Maier (Austria) 711; 6, D Compagnoni (It) 682; 7, M Ertl (Ger) 512; 8, M Kjorstad (Nor) 432; 9, M Gallizio (It) 401; 10, U Hrovat (Slovenia) 397. Downhill standings: 1, Seizinger 282; 2, Pace 268; 3, Suchet 222; 4, I Kostner (It) 198; 5, H Lindh (US) 164; 6, V Stallmeier (Austria) 157; 7, A Haas (Austria) 153; 8, W Zelenskaja (Russ) 136; 9, Bowker 100; 10, R Goetschl (Austria) 105. Nations Cup combined standings: 1, Austria 7,337; 2, Italy 4,560; 3, Switzerland 4,170; 4, Norway 4,119; 5, Germany 3,479.

TENNIS

MARSEILLES: ATP tournament: First round: B Becker (Ger) bt J Bates (GB) 6-2, 6-4. D Nargiso (It) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-3, 3-6, 4-6.
TELFORD: LTA women's satellite tournament: First round: C Toyre (Fr) bt A Smith (Eng) 7-6, 6-2. L Gerould (Fr) bt L Woodroffe (Eng) 6-2, 6-1. I Martin (Rom) bt A Buggins (Eng) 6-4, 3-6, 6-0. M Mair (Scot) bt S Tibert (It) 6-0, 6-1. J Ward (Eng) bt S Boulding (Eng) 6-0, 6-0. Second round: C Taylor (Oxon) bt C Habsmugg (Austria) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. E Bond (Glos) bt S Boulleau (Fr) 6-4, 6-0. A Castera (Fr) bt S Tse (IoM) 6-3, 6-1. K Nugent (Ire) bt M Hughes (Wal) 7-6, 6-3. L Gerould (Fr) bt J Dawson (Sussex) 6-3, 6-2. K Boubanova (Bucks) bt I Martin (Rom) 6-0, 7-5.
SAN JOSE, California: Men's tournament: First round: R Reneberg (US) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-2, 6-2. A O'Brien (US) bt J Connors (US) 6-4 7-5. J-P Fleuran (Fr) bt J Morgan (Aus) 7-5, 6-3.
WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Women's tournament: Second round: G Helgeson (US) bt A Henricksson (US) 6-4, 6-2. J Halard (Fr) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 6-4, 7-5. T Price (SA) bt E Zardo (Switz) 7-6, 6-4.
TOKYO: Toray Pan Pacific women's tournament: First round: K Boogert (Holl) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 6-2, 6-3. K Radford (Aus) bt K Quentrec (Fr) 7-5, 3-6, 6-1. J Novotna (Cz Rep) bt A Suplyama (Japan) 6-3, 6-4. N Tauziat (Fr) bt L McNeil (US) 6-2, 7-5. P Shriver (US) bt H Sukova (Cz Rep) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt C Wood (GB) 6-3, 6-4. M Navratilova (US) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1.
DUBAI: ATP tournament: Second round: I Lendl (US) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 6-4, 6-2. H Holm (Swe) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-3, 6-4. A Volkov (Russ) bt H J Davis (Holl) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	85	165	good	varied	art	cloud -1	20/1
(Good skiing on top runs and in bowl)							
AUSTRIA							
Mayrhofen	5	90	good	varied	closed	cloud 3	31/1
(Good skiing on soft packed powder)							
Obergurgl	85	120	good	varied	fair	cloud 0	29/1
(Good snow conditions on most pistes)							
Schladming	50	180	good	heavy	good	cloud -4	31/1
(Excellent snow and skiing on most pistes)							
St Anton	60	290	good	varied	good	cloud 2	31/1
(Good piste skiing with poor visibility)							
FRANCE							
Avoriaz	155	195	good	varied	good	fine 1	27/1
(Good skiing on and off piste)							
Chamonix	50	360	good	good	fair	cloud 1	28/1
(Excellent snow)							
Isola	130	215	good	varied	good	cloud 1	18/1
(Slopes still in good condition with no queues)							
La Plagne	150	320	good	varied	good	fair 3	28/1
(Very good skiing on most pistes)							
Megeve	55	160	good	heavy	good	cloud 2	28/1
(Good piste skiing)							
ITALY							
Cortina	20	110	good	varied	fair	cloud 0	6/1
(Good skiing on well packed snow)							
SWITZERLAND							
Klosters	50	175	good	varied	good	cloud 2	31/1
(Excellent skiing on all pistes)							
Mürren	65	140	good	varied	good	cloud 3	28/1
(Skiing still good but weather mild)							
Villars	35	170	good	heavy	fair	cloud 3	28/1
(Pistes icy yesterday morning)							
Wengen	35	120	good	varied	worn	cloud 4	28/1
(Icy/worn patches appearing on lower slopes)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

ACOUPE
(b) To accuse, ultimately from the Latin *culpāre*, *culpa* blame: "Me acoupede hom harde inou, and suththe ane laste./ As theves & traitors, in strong prison me hom caste."
BIFFIN
(a) A variety of cooking apple, cultivated especially in Norfolk, a dialect pronunciation of *beefing*, from *beef*, in reference to the deep red colour of the apple. The spelling *beaufin* has been fabricated to give colour to a fictitious derivation from the French *beau* beautiful + *fin* fine: "Norfolk Biffins, squab and swarthy, setting off the yellow of the oranges and lemons."
THIGGER
(a) One who thigs, a beggar or cadger, an exactor of contributions, one who plants himself on others for assistance, one who draws on others for subsistence in a genteel sort of way, a gaberlunzie or licensed beggar who went his regular rounds, and received a night's lodging and food at particular houses, also any one who begged or solicited presents on certain recognised occasions, eg wedding-presents, from the OE *thicgan* to take, especially as food: Scott, *Pirate*, 1822: "Ye wadna have me waste our substance on every thigger or sorner that has the luck to come by the door in a wet day?"
UNWHIG
(a) To divest of the character of opinions of a Whig, from *un-* + *Whig*: "So Moore did not, indeed, return unwhigged, but he has dealt with American manners not less hardly than Mrs Trollope."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bxa1 is best. 1 Bxe5 runs into 1 ... Rxd1+ and 2 ... Nf2+, while 1 Rxa1 allows 1 ... Qe5 with a counter-attack against White's c4-bishop. After 1 Bxa1 White wins a piece due to the threats against the queen and knight.

FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION
Club match
Preston Lodge v West of Scotland (7.30).

FOOTBALL
FA TROPHY. First round: Worthing v Marlow (7.45).

OTHER SPORT
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham Bullets v London Towers; Derby Bucks v Sunderland Scorpions. European championship: Men: Guildford v Bayer Leverkusen.
BOWLS. Yerton Trophy: Cumbria v Swinton, Boston v Cambridge; Chesterton County Arts v Essex County; Havering v Stevenage Rugby Thornfield v Croydon Egham v Angel Tonbridge Preston v Banister Park Northaven v Elonia.

MATCHES PLAYED 29TH JANUARY 1994
LITTLEWOODS POOLS
THIS WEEK'S TOP WINNERS
£566,530 £587,206 £554,707 £548,609 £548,280
TREBLE CHANCE. MAX 11 Pts. NO CLIENT WITH 11 Pts. TOP DIVIDEND PER ONLY 13 Pts.
23 Pts £547,667.80
22 Pts £7,434.40
21 Pts £925.90
20 Pts £252.85
19 Pts £47.25
18½ Pts £13.90
18 Pts £5.85
4 DRAWS £44.60
10 HOMES £8.80
5 AWAYS £103.45
Expenses and Commission 15th January 1994 - 29.2%.
All dividends subject to verification.
THIS WEEK'S WINNINGS WILL BE DESPATCHED ON FRIDAY
FOR COUPONS PHONE FREE 0800 800 000 – 24HRS

Association withstand late rally to defeat students

Dunwoody's century cuts Maguire lead to 14

By Julian Muscat

RICHARD Dunwoody maintained his relentless march towards a second successive jockeys' championship with a double at Leicester yesterday. After a facile victory on the Martin Pipe-trained Preenka Girl, Dunwoody reached his hundredth winner of the campaign aboard the same trainer's Honest Word.

Maguire, presently serving a suspension, is helpless to prevent Dunwoody from quickly eroding the substantial lead he built up in the first half of the season. The Leicester brace took Dunwoody's haul to ten in the last four racing days, prompting William Hills to promote Dunwoody to 11-8 on to retain his title. He now trails Maguire by just 14 winners; the gap stood at 42 as recently as New Year's day.

Maguire will complete his six-day riding ban on Sunday, when Dunwoody travels to Ireland for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown. His mount, Chatam, one of seven declared yesterday for the Irish prize, will again cross swords with *Jodami, the 6-4 favourite with* Hills to land the race for the second year in succession. Mark Dwyer reports himself fit to ride Jodami following his heavy fall from Coulton.

Another horse in line to repeat his big-race victory of 12 months ago is Zeta's Lad, winner of the Racing Post Trophy at Kempton. John Upson's horse, who had Jodami back in third when he inched out Run For Free at Haydock two weeks ago, has been allocated 11st 8lb for this year's renewal on February 26. The Fellow, trained in France by Francois Doumen, is also entered.

Another possible target for The Fellow is the Grand National, for which the weights will be announced in London on Tuesday. The handicapper, Christopher Mordant, said yesterday he would be taking no notice of the finishing order in last year's void renewal, when John White passed the post in front on Esha Ness.

White has since left Britain to set up as a trainer in Co Wexford, Ireland, but there is every chance he will again partner Esha Ness in the Aintree spectacular. White, who still retains his jockeys' licence, has had a few rides in Ireland and is keeping himself fit in anticipation of returning to Liverpool in April.

He has recently discussed the prospect with Esha Ness' owner, Patrick Bancroft, but his lack of race fitness is understandably a source of concern.

Jenny Pitman, trainer of Esha Ness, was out of luck *with her two runners at Wind*sor yesterday, when Ghofar re-visited the winner's enclosure for the first time since his Hennessy victory at Newbury more than four years ago. It was with some understatement that David Elsworth, Ghofar's trainer, said afterwards: "The owners have shown lots of patience, but I did say to them that this would be his season."

Elsworth later indicated that Muse, who bypassed last week's Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham, would take his chance in the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday. "He went mysteriously wrong but has suddenly come mysteriously right again," Elsworth explained, a shade cryptically. He also confirmed his Champion Hurdle hope, Oh So Risky, would reappear in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury a week on Saturday, for which the well-backed Majed is a non-runner.

Barney Curley was also in cryptic mood after his No Pain No Gain comfortably won the Brocas National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at the unlikely odds of 10-1. Winners trained by Curley are usually telegraphed by a flurry of money in the betting ring, but No Pain No Gain drifted from an opening show of 6-1. Asked if he had backed the horse, Curley responded: "I said at the start of the year I would be a bag of tricks in 1994."

A more straightforward character is trainer Tim Forster, whose exciting novice chaser, Coonawara, bids to extend his winning sequence at Chepstow on Saturday.

Forster landed a double yesterday with Rakaia River and Fiddlers Three, but he will have spent a more quite night than Didcot-based Chris Drewe, who saddled his first winner with a full trainer's licence when First Avenue obliged in the Burnham Novices' Chase.

CLARE BANCROFT



Rakaia River, left, leads his rivals over the water jump on his way to victory in the Oakside Novices' Chase at Windsor

Dittmar's damaged knee forces him into retirement

By Colin McQuillan

CHRIS Dittmar, of Australia, the "nearly man" of modern squash, has hung up his professional racket rather than endure a seventh operation on a damaged left knee.

Dittmar, 30, lies third on the Professional Squash Association world ranking list but has not played competitively since losing the Australian Open final to Rodney Martin last August. He admitted at his Brighton home yesterday that he had no idea what the future might hold.

"I knew I was in big trouble in August," he said. "I did not want to throw in the towel but my surgeon advised me that the knee was arthritic and deteriorating, and there was nothing to be gained by further surgery.

"Making this decision has been hell. In the circumstances it was not worth going through the whole thing again. It has been a great life but now I have to look ahead to life without squash. I guess you could say I am available."

A scion of a famous Adelaide sporting family, Dittmar leaves the professional squash court with neither of the game's two big titles, despite a reputation as the finest of athletes, the most dedicated of competitors and the shrewdest of tacticians.

It is 14 years since he lost the first of two world junior championship finals. At 19 he reached his first senior world open final, losing to Jahangir Khan in Germany. Two years later he lost the 1985 British Open final to the same player.

Later that year his love of Australian Rules football undermined his professional promise when he severely damaged his left knee playing in a practice game. It took a year and two operations to put his squash career back on track and another four operations between fearsome training schedules to keep him in the game.

He reached four more world open finals and just about every other big final in the sport.

"My greatest disappointment was missing the world open title when it was held in my home town in 1991 while I was playing at the top of my game," Dittmar said. He watched Rodney Martin beat both Jansher and Jahangir Khan to take that Adelaide final.

His best chance came in Kuala Lumpur in 1989 when he defeated Jahangir in a superb two-hour semi-final and led Jansher 6-0 in the deciding game of the final, only to run out of stamina. The next week he led the Australian team that took the world team title away from Pakistan in Singapore. "The highlight of my career," he said.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

1.50 Brief Gale
2.20 Knave Of Clubs
2.50 Baybeejay
3.20 Threeoutoffour
3.50 Oble's Train
4.20 Tip The Dove

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 **LEAVENWORTH.**

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.50 DRAYTON HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,015: 2m) (14 runners)

101 2111/12 BRIEF GALE 62 (CD,BF,G,S) (Miss C Zeller) J Gifford 7-11-5 D Murphy [top]
102 0 CORNS LITTLE FELLA 7 (M Clarke) D Geraghty 6-11-3 Mr T Byrne (5) –
103 00-06P CUMREWS NEPHEW 21 (B Cahill) R Brotherton 6-11-3 T Wall –
104 5 FENGARI 52 (A Aylett) A Aylett 5-11-3 M A Fitzgerald 86
105 0 FILTHY REESH 15 (BF) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 C Llewellyn –
106 0- HIGH BACCARAT 497 (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 5-11-3 Lorna Vincent –
107 2/0 MABELLAN BAY 12 (Autotour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3 I Lawrence –
108 5/00-P NIGHT FANCY 12 (Mrs A Woodrow) Mrs A Woodrow 6-11-3 J McCarthy (5) –
109 00P *SARACEN'S BOY 21 (M Churches) M Churches 6-11-3* Mr B Pollock (7) –
110 0/P AMYS DELIGHT 36 (Mrs A Lodge) A Chamberlain 6-10-12 B Powell –
111 0 ANNABEL'S BABY 133 (D Wintle) D Wintle 5-10-12 P McDermott –
112 60 EMERALD QUEEN 55 (C Higgins) O Brennan 5-10-12 M Brennan –
113 40-3 FLAMEWOOD 126 (Mrs S Thomson Jones) Mrs D Haine 5-10-12 D Bridgwater –
114 54-32U SPREAD YOUR WINGS 21 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 5-10-12 R Dunwoody 88

BETTING: 10-11 Brief Gale, 7-2 Spread Your Wings, 6-1 Flamewood, 10-1 Fengari, Magellan Bay, 12-1 Annabel's Baby, 16-1 others.

1993: GLAISDALE 4-10-7 S Smith Eccles (100-30) M Tompkins 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIEF GALE 3l 2nd of 21 to My Wizard in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). Previously, beat Gorteera 6l in a 9-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good), with SPREAD YOUR WINGS (7lb better off) 6l 3rd. FENGARI about 12l 5th of 14 to Bold Stroke in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft).
ANNABEL'S BABY 23l 7th of 11 to River Red in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, firm). SPREAD YOUR WINGS's best effort came when short-head 2nd of 7 to Mr Pickpocket in a novice hurdle at Leicester on penultimate start (2m, heavy). FLAMEWOOD 14l 3rd of 14 to Good Insight in a National Hunt flat race at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: BRIEF GALE (nap)

2.20 BOUGHTON HOUSE NOVICES CHASE (£2,997: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

201 136-212 BOLLINGER 16 (D,F,G,S) (R Elliot) J Gifford 8-11-10 D Murphy 94
202 82U4F/0 HERE COMES CHARTER 15 (Charter Racing Ltd) M Pipe 9-11-4 R Dunwoody –
203 *036P-FP HERMES HARVEST 12 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 8-11-4* Mr B Hogan (7) –
204 1P6-5UF IRISH BAY 14 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (R Shaw) C Egerton 8-11-4 J Osborne 95
205 0/111-32 KNAVE OF CLUBS 15 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs M O'Shea) J O'Shea 7-11-4 M A Fitzgerald [top]
206 43/5203- PRIMITIVE SINGER 289 (F,S) (S Kitching) J Pickering 6-11-4 T Eley (5) 97
207 0-P00 TRIMAGE 21 (Mrs G Leigh) T Foster 6-11-4 B Powell –

BETTING: 6-4 Knave Of Clubs, 2-1 Bollinger, 4-1 Irish Bay, 10-1 Here Comes Charter, Primitive Singer, 16-1 Trimage, 33-1 Hermes Harvest.

1993: SHEER ABILITY 7-11-4 B de Haan (7-2) Mrs F Walwyn 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLLINGER about 2½l 3rd of 7, promoted to 2nd, to Mailcom in a novice chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, soft). *Previously beat Unholy Alliance a short head* in a 5-runner novice chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good).
HERMES HARVEST close up when falling 4 out in 7-runner novice chase won by The Glow at Windsor on penultimate start (2m 5f, soft). IRISH BAY every chance when falling 3 out in 9-runner novice chase won by General Brandy at Lingfield (3m, heavy). KNAVE OF CLUBS 4l 2nd of 8 to River Mandate in *a novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good). Previously,* about 3½l 3rd of 11 to Honest Word in a novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). PRIMITIVE SINGER 15½l 3rd of 14 to City Kid in a novice handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, good to soft) last season.
Selection: KNAVE OF CLUBS

2.50 CANONS ASHBY CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,889: 2m 5f) (16 runners)

301 1112-21 SO DISCREET 6 (D,F,S) (Ms N Horan) J White 6-11-13 P McLoughlin (7) 88
302 533322- EASTERN PLEASURE 374 (T Wood) W Clay 7-11-7 Diane Clay 82
303 030221 *IT'S NOT MY FAULT 29 (D,G,S) (R Peake) D Wintle 6-11-6* Mr G Hogan (7) 70
304 00/00/0- KILMYSHALL 290 (J Gifford) J Gifford 8-11-5 D Murphy –
305 F/P00 JOSIE SMITH 22 (S) (R Harraway) Mrs A Knight 10-11-4 D Matthews (5) –
306 6/00/06 PETRADARE 12 (G Burton) J Pickering 7-11-4 T Eley (5) –
307 00P2P-P DUCKHAVEN 19P (B,D,G,S) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 11-11-3 W Irvine 75
308 000-604 *HELLO VANOS 6 (G Harper) C Beever 6-11-3* M A Fitzgerald 57
309 065F/0P SHIKARI KID 78 (F,S) (P Riddick) C Beever 7-11-3 P Midgley (5) –
310 P003-63 TRENTSIDE MIST 31 (V) (J Payne) C Smith 6-11-3 M Ranger 61
311 4/6P0-45 DECIDED 37 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Lee) R Lee 11-11-2 Miss P Jones (5) 85
312 *03-64P NESSFIELD 20 (G,S) (Royston Racing Club Ltd) K Morgan 8-11-2* A S Smith 90
313 0403-U0 LEAVENWORTH 9 (B) (A Gardiner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 10-11-1 S Burrough [top]
314 403304 BAYBEEJAY 10 (G) (J Hall) R Brotherton 7-11-0 D Bridgwater 68
315 P-0P4 KATIENTLU 52 (M Churches) M Churches 8-10-13 Mr B Pollock (7) –
316 000 WESTRAY 96 (D Wellicome) D Wellicome 4-10-8 A Carroll –

BETTING: 11-4 So Discreet, 9-2 It's Not My Fault, 8-1 Leavenworth, 10-1 Baybeejay, Eastern Pleasure, 14-1 Nessfield, 16-1 others.

1993: CHILD OF THE MIST 7-11-5 A Maguire (12-1) J Whyte 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SO DISCREET beat Mistic Glen 25l in a 7-runner conditional jockeys' claiming hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good to soft), *with HELLO VANOS (2lb* better off) 15½l 4th. EASTERN PLEASURE ½l 2nd of 10 to My Lindianne in a conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle at Leicester last season (2m, heavy), with IT'S NOT MY FAULT (9lb worse off) 3l 3rd and BAYBEEJAY (11lb better off) 1l 4th.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT beat Tesekkurederim 4l in a 7-runner selling hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f, standard). PETRADARE 9l 6th of 12 to Who Sir in a novice handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, soft). DECIDED 13l 4th of 5 to Celcius in an amateurs' handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot on penultimate start (2m 6f, soft).
Selection: *SO DISCREET*

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.20 *NATIONAL LETTERBOX MARKETING HANDICAP CHASE* (£3,626: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

401 /00F0UV- ROC DE PRINCE 306 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) M Pipe 11-12-0 R Dunwoody –
402 2/41-111 THREEOUTOFFOUR 12 (C,D,G,S) (Miss C Brennan) O Brennan 9-11-4 M Brennan [top]
403 0-532P2 ANNIO CHILONE 13 (D,G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 8-10-11 P Hide (3) 95
404 010/PP4 MIGHTY FALCON 12 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-10-8 P Holley –
405 10-200 PAMBER PRIORY 21 (CD,G,S) (D Makins) T Thomson Jones 11-10-6 G Rowe 92
406 F14-12P POSTMAN'S PATH 47 (C,BF,G,S) (Mrs A Reid Scott) T Forster 8-10-0 B Powell 88
407 *685355 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 10 (V,CD,F) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 9-10-0 R Davis (3) 75*

Long handicap: Postman's Path 9-9, Woodlands Genhire 7-12.

BETTING: 7-4 Threeoutoffour, 3-1 Annio Chilone, 5-1 Roc De Prince, 7-1 Pamber Priory, 8-1 Mighty Falcon, 20-1 Postman's Path, 50-1 Woodlands Genhire.

1993: BIT OF A CLOWN 10-10-10 L Harvey (5-4 fav) Mrs I McKie 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

THREEOUTOFFOUR beat Baltic Brown 6l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 6f 110yd, soft). ANNIO CHILONE 12l 2nd of 10 to Calcheperry in a conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft). MIGHTY FALCON 37l 4th of 11 to Uncle Ell in a handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). POSTMAN'S PATH 1½l 2nd of 10 to Invasion in a handicap chase over course and distance on penultimate start (soft), with WOODLANDS GENHIRE (1lb better off) 15½l 5th.
Selection: THREEOUTOFFOUR

3.50 LTHORP SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,672: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

501 2FP3-26 OBIE'S TRAIN 71 (B,D,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 8-12-0 R Dunwoody 98
502 00UP6/1 DERRYMORE BOY 8 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Prosser) P Nicholls 12-10-13 (6ex) Guy Lewis (5) 95
503 *1U13U-2 JAMES MY BOY 36 (G,S) (T Wood) W Clay 14-10-11* M Brennan [top]
504 F424-36 OSTURA 44 (D,BF,S) (Chalfont-St-Giles Feathers Partnership) J White 9-10-8 D Murphy 90
505 0/53-34P CEDAR RUN 31 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Charles-Jones) G Charles-Jones 11-10-0 D Meredith (3) 88
506 0050P-P ALL ELECTRIC 22 (Miss A Bucknall) C Popham 9-10-0 S McNeill –
507 *462003 WINGED WHISPER 48 (K Tomlinson) J Pickering 5-10-0* T Eley (5) –

Long handicap: Cedar Run 9-2, All Electric 8-2, Winged Whisper 8-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Derrymore Boy, 9-4 Obie's Train, 7-2 James My Boy, 5-1 Ostura, 10-1 Cedar Run, 50-1 All Electric, Winged Whisper.

1993: GENERAL MERCHANT 13-10-9 R Dunwoody (3-1 fav) R Hodges 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

OBIE'S TRAIN 5l 2nd of 7 to Naughty Nicky in a handicap chase at Taunton on penultimate start (3m, good to firm). DERRYMORE BOY beat Playpen 3l in a 7-runner claiming chase at Lingfield (3m 4f 110yd, heavy). JAMES MY BOY 15l 2nd of *5 to Rather Sharp in a conditional jockeys' claiming* chase at Southwell (2m, heavy). OSTURA 19½l 6th of 7 to Maggots Green in a novice handicap chase at Hereford (3m, heavy). CEDAR RUN 12l 3rd of 7 to Kanndabil in a claiming chase at Leicester in November (2m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: OBIE'S TRAIN

4.20 CASTLE ASHBY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,742: 2m) (12 runners)

601 1 KARICLEIGH BOY 31 (S) (E Eveleigh) Mrs J Retter 6-11-12 Mr J Culloty (7) –
602 03-1 TIP THE DOVE 19 (D,S) (C Price) R Price 5-11-7 Mr G Hogan (7) –
603 26 BARNEY'S GIFT 64 (R Marshall) O Brennan 6-11-5 M Brennan –
604 5 COUNTRY PARSON 35 (Maj H Porter) J McConnochie 5-11-5 E Tolhurst (7) –
605 DABALARK (H Bibbey) K White 5-11-5 A O'Hagan –
606 HIZAL (H Manners) H Manners 5-11-5 M Appleby (7) –
607 4 LYME GOLD 64 (BF) (N Chamberlain) O Sherwood 5-11-5 J McCarthy (5) –
608 35- SPARKLING CONE 267 (BF) (Mrs M Horton) *M Pipe 5-11-5* R Dunwoody –
609 0-0 WOODLANDS POWER 7 (V) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 6-11-5 R Davis (3) –
610 2 IDIOT'S LADY 19 (Mrs J Gilkes) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 D Bohan (7) –
611 MISS PANDY (A Ashford) G Enright 6-11-0 M Perrett –
612 *4 TARTAN MOSS 19 (J Charlton) P Hobbs 5-11-0* N Parker (7) –

BETTING: 9-4 Tip The Dove, 3-1 Idiot's Lady, 100-30 Karicleigh Boy, 6-1 Lyme Gold, 8-1 Sparkling Cone, 14-1 Barney's Gift, 16-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

KARICLEIGH BOY beat Tap Shoes 1½l in a 15-runner National Hunt flat race at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). TIP THE DOVE beat IDIOT'S LADY (7lb better off) 4l in a 25-runner National Hunt flat race at Warwick (2m, heavy) with TARTAN MOSS (7lb better off) 14l 4th.
BARNEY'S GIFT 5l 2nd of 11 to Strong Flame in a National Hunt flat race at Market Rasen on penultimate start (1m 5f 110yd, good). COUNTRY PARSON 14l 5th of 21 to Beatson in a National Hunt flat race at Warwick (2m, heavy). LYME GOLD 7¾l 4th *of 22 to Lead Vocalist in a National Hunt flat race at* Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft), with BARNEY'S GIFT (3lb better off) 10l 6th. SPARKLING CONE 2l 3rd of 15 to Nirvana Prince in a National Hunt flat race at Hereford on penultimate start (2m 1f, firm).
Selection: LYME GOLD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
O Brennan	18	58	31.0	D Meredith	3	8	37.5
Mrs J Pitman	14	52	26.9	M Brennan	18	50	36.0
O Sherwood	9	42	21.4	P Hide	3	17	17.6
M Pipe	6	45	13.3	T Wall	4	24	16.7
J Gifford	10	81	12.3	A S Smith	3	18	16.7
N Twiston-Davies	6	49	12.2	R Dunwoody	20	126	15.9

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER
2.00 Ericolin. 2.30 WISHING GATE (nap). 3.00 Pakenham. *3.30 Full O'Praise.* 4.00 Sir Peter Lely. 4.30 Reluctant Suitor.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) SIS

2.00 LOGANLEA CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,872: 2m) (10 runners)

1 5 ANORAK 10F P Haslam 11-7 S Taylor (7) 97
2 435 BEND SABLE 13 F Storey 11-7 B Storey [top]
3 36 ERICOLIN 9 N Tinkler 11-3 G McCourt 92
4 HOD-MOD 108F Miss Z Green 10-13 C Grant –
5 00 THATCHED 13 R Barr 10-13 N Smith –
6 UNNAB 276F Denys Smith 10-12 P Waggott (5) –
7 560 FUNNY FEELINGS 36 P Monteith 10-11 A Dobbin 69
8 0 SUPREME SOVIET 20 J Haldane 10-7 J Supple (5) –
9 000 DIGNIFIED 36 T Dyer 10-4 A Linton (7) 80
10 P005 RYTHMIC RYMER 12 J Jefferson 10-4 P Williams (5) 70

2-1 Ericolin, 3-1 Anorak, 7-2 Bend Sable, 7-1 Unnab, 10-1 Funny Feelings, 16-1 *Hod-Mod, 20-1 Dignified, Rythmic Rymer, Supreme Soviet, 25-1 Thatched*

2.30 PENICUIK NOVICES CHASE (A Glengoyne Highland Malt Tamerosia Series Qualifier) (£2,411: 3m) (9)

1 1F45 MR TITTLE TATTLE 43 (B,F) K Bailey 8-11-10 N Williamson 81
2 U2PP SCOTTISH GOLD 14 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-11-10 G McCourt 90
3 /P3 EXTRA SPECIAL 12 G Richards 9-11-4 N Doughty 91
4 1465 FOUR DEEP 12 (G,S) J Johnson 6-11-4 A Dobbin 72
5 PP02 VULPIN DE LAUGERE 59 (B) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-4 J Burke (5) 80
6 -P32 WISHING GATE 13 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 M Dwyer [top]
7 000 LA DOUTELLE 31 Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-13 P Williams (5) –
8 4-0P ORIEL DREAM 57 (G,S) R Fisher 7-10-13 A Thornton (3) –
9 03F5 RUSHING BURN 27 J Charlton 8-10-13 B Storey 73

2-1 Wishing Gate, 3-1 Mr Tittle Tattle, 5-1 Extra Special, 7-1 Four Deep, 8-1 Scottish Gold, 10-1 Vulpin De Laugere, 12-1 Oriel Dream, 20-1 La Doutelle, Rushing Burn.

3.00 *HARPERRIG MAIDEN HURDLE* (£1,966: 3m) (8)

1 00 CUMBERLAND BLUES 34 M Hammond 5-11-6 C Grant –
2 HOT PUNCH 131F H Alexander 5-11-6 P Waggott (5) –
3 0 MR FLUORINE 87 R Fisher 5-11-6 A Thornton (3) –
4 2P-P PAKENHAM 57 G Richards 8-11-6 N Doughty 89
5 6-33 SLAUGHT SON 6 R Fisher 6-11-6 G McCourt 96
6 33 THE BUD CLUB 54 K Bailey 6-11-6 N Williamson [top]
7 660- WHY NOT EQUINAME 297 J Johnson 6-11-6 A Dobbin 78
8 FPP0 PANTO LADY 20 Mrs K Lamb 8-11-1 Miss S Lamb (7) –

13-8 The Bud Club, 5-2 Slaught Son, 11-4 Pakenham, 8-1 Why Not Equiname, 10-1 Hot Punch, 16-1 Mr Fluorine, 20-1 Cumberland Blues, 66-1 Panto Lady.

3.30 ANDERSON STRATHERN W. S. NOVICES CHASE (£2,814: 2m) (14)

1 -6P0 ASHDREN 13 (G) A Harrison 7-11-4 G McCourt –
2 FPUP AYIA NAPA 14 Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-4 Mr J Bradburne 82
3 00U2 BALLYBELL 13 J Gledson 9-11-4 Mr R Hale 73
4 244F FLOWING RIVER 45 (F,G) R Allan 8-11-4 B Storey 94
5 4-22 FULL O'PRAISE 77 (F,G) P Calver 7-11-4 T Reed 93
6 0422 GOLDEN ISLE 12 (F,G) J Charlton 10-11-4 A Dobbin 90
7 -63U GRAZEMBER 6 P Beaumont 7-11-4 L Wyer 86
8 45-0 LOVING OMEN 22 (S) Miss Z Green 7-11-4 D Byrne –
9 36/ NATIVE KNIGHT 299P (F) B Ellison 9-11-4 A Larnach (3) –
10 35F3 ROAD TO THE WEIR 6 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-4 J Burke (5) 80
11 /P-0 ROBBINS LAD 12 Mrs A Swinbank 8-11-4 C Grant –
12 52-2 SLIEVENAMON MIST 5 (G,S) K Bailey 8-11-4 N Williamson [top]
13 -303 WILLIE SPARKLE 82 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-4 P Williams (5) –
14 -06F ROYAL RIFE 45 Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-13 F Perratt (5) –

15-8 Slievenamon Mist, 5-2 Full O'Praise, 8-1 Flowing River, Golden Isle, Grazember, 10-1 Ashdren, 12-1 others.

4.00 J. R. McNAIR AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,584: 2m 4f) (9)

1 4F32 CORNET 45 (V,CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 8-12-0 S Swiers 96
2 1F31 *SIR PETER LELY 45 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 7-11-9* C Bonner (7) 94
3 2014 SWEET CITY 14 (S) G Richards 9-10-9 R Hale (5) –
4 1402 LAPIAFFE 20 (CD,F,G,S) A Harrison 10-10-3 D Parker (7) 97
5 3143 ABSAILOR 22 (V,C,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-2 J Bradburne (3) [top]
6 3135 BARKISLAND 13 (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 10-10-2 Mrs A Farrell (3) 92
7 P04- DEADLINE 248 (B,D,G,S) S Chadwick 11-10-0 Miss J Thurlow (7) 86
8 35P3 SAMSUN 19 (B,F,G) R Champion 12-10-0 Miss S White (7) 77
9 P62P DROMINA STAR 114 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 13-10-0 M Bradburne (7) 70

7-2 Sir Peter Lely, 4-1 Cornet, Lapiaffe, 9-2 Sweet City, 7-1 Absailor, 8-1 Barkisland, 20-1 Deadline, 33-1 Samsun, 66-1 Dromina Star

4.30 WALLYFORD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,306: 2m 4f) (7)

1 2111 RELUCTANT SUITOR 27 (C,F,G) M Hammond 5-12-0 D Bentley (5) [top]
2 14U1 LEGITIM 20 (C,F,G) J Jefferson 5-10-7 P Williams (5) 96
3 -043 MONTRAVE 20 R Allan 5-10-5 B Storey 94
4 6320 TITIAN GIRL 5 (B) Miss L Siddall 5-10-1 A Thomson (3) 93
5 -0F0 HURRICANE HORACE 12 Mrs M Reveley 7-10-0 R Hodge 97
6 644 CORNFLAKE 27 Denys Smith 4-10-0 P Waggott (5) 90
7 63P- CARLA ADAMS 476 W Storey 8-10-0 K Johnson –

15-8 Reluctant Suitor, 5-2 Legitim, 11-2 Cornflake, 6-1 Titian Girl, 7-1 Hurricane Horace, 8-1 Montrave, 33-1 Carla Adams.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 10 winners from 30 runners, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 55, 29.1%; J Jefferson, 4 from 15, 26.7%, Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 42, 21.4%; M Hammond, 13 from 64, 20.3%; Denys Smith, 11 from 56, 19.6%

JOCKEYS: Mr S Swiers, 10 winners from 27 rides, 37.0%; G McCourt, 34 from 111, 30.6%; M Dwyer, 28 from 105, 26.7%, J Burke, 4 from 16, 25.0%, *C Grant, 33 from 153, 21.6%, D Byrne, 8 from 41, 19.5%.*

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.40 Rising Wolf. 2.10 King's Treasure. 2.40 Congregation. 3.10 Tel E Thon. 3.40 Saahi. 4.10 Rarfy's Dream. 4.40 Sober Island.

GOING: HEAVY (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS

1.40 QUEBEC MAIDEN HURDLE (All-weather: £1,953: 2m) (12 runners)

1 0545 GILT DIMENSION 14 (D,G) E Buckley 7-11-6 R Supple
2 -000 GREEN'S TRILOGY 31 K Clutterbuck 6-11-6 M Ahern
3 2453 NEEDS MUST 79 R Frost 7-11-6 J Frost
4 0 NOTED STRAIN 8 D Bassett 6-11-6 S Arnold (7)
5 -PP4 TELMAR SYSTEMS 7 K Ivory 5-11-6 R Campbell
6 4-02 THE CAN CAN MAN 19 J Mooney 7-11-6 M Robinson
7 P- ALL THE JOLLY 299 Miss C Caroe 6-11-1 S Earle
8 006 CONBRIO STAR 6 (B) C Mann 4-10-10 R Bellamy
9 0402 ERLKING 22 (BF) S Mellor 4-10-10 Chris Webb (7)
10 0 NEVER SO LOST 25 P Hall 4-10-10 W McFarland
11 RISING WOLF 16F R O'Sullivan 4-10-10 D O'Sullivan
12 05P6 OUR NIKKI 70 P Rodford 4-10-5 I Shoemark

7-4 Erlking, 3-1 Rising Wolf, 4-1 Gilt Dimension, 8-1 The Can Can Man, 10-1 Needs Must, 14-1 others.

2.10 BRITISH COLUMBIA NOVICES HURDLE (All-weather: £1,738: 2m 4f) (10)

1 -114 KING'S TREASURE 62 (G,S) I Balding 5-12-4 J Frost
2 8212 MILZIG 7 (C,G) R O'Sullivan 5-11-12 D O'Sullivan
3 14-P BOBBY SOCKS 64 (D,F,S) R Lee 8-11-6 L Harvey
4 P- GLEN PENNANT 355 T Etherington 7-11-6 M Richards
5 4P5- ROGEVIC BELLE 244 R Stronge 6-11-6 D Gallagher
6 /00F SWING LUCKY 8 (B) K Ivory 9-11-6 R Campbell
7 66-P TOO CLEVER BY HALF 58 R Johnson Houghton 6-11-6 Mr G Johnson Houghton
8 44 PIE HATCH 8 (B) B McMath 5-11-1 R J Beggan
9 P1 TAKE A FLYER 7 (CD,G) R Hodges 4-11-1 A Tory
10 00 EL GRANDO 65 K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-9 A Charlton

4-5 King's Treasure, 3-1 Milzig, 7-1 Pie Hatch, 16-1 Take A Flyer, 20-1 Bobby Socks, 33-1 others.

2.40 PRIMROSE HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £3,045: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 22-5 THE LEGGETT 12 (B,D,F,G,S) A Jessop 11-11-10 D Gallagher
2 -P21 DARE SAY 31 (F,G,S) R Alner 11-11-0 S Earle
3 FP23 CONGREGATION 12 (S) R Rowe 8-10-10 J Railton
4 12-2 BOLD CHOICE 98 (F,G) R Frost 8-10-4 J Frost

4-5 Dare Say, 5-2 Congregation, 7-2 Bold Choice, 20-1 The Leggett.

3.10 NEWFOUNDLAND CLAIMING HURDLE (All-weather: £1,722: 2m 2f) (5)

1 FBS1 TEL E THON 14 (V,C,F,G) P Jones 7-11-8 D Gallagher
2 3P21 SPARKLER GEBE 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-11-6 D O'Sullivan
3 443P MECADO 10 (V,D,G,S) F Yardley 7-11-4 M Hourigan
4 465P TAPESTRY DANCER 35 (D,G) M Haynes 6-11-2 *D Skyrme*
5 -F54 YAAFOOR 38 (B) P Hedger 5-11-2 M Richards

11-8 Tel E Thon, 2-1 Sparkler Gebe, 6-1 Yaafoor, 7-1 Mecado, 10-1 Tapestry Dancer.

3.40 ONTARIO HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,722: 2m 4f) (4)

1 1111 SAAHI 14 (CD,G,S) C Weedon 5-11-10 M Richards
2 -603 SING THE BLUES 14 (CD,G) C Benstead 10-11-4 D Morris
3 33/F CONSTRUCTION 48 (D,F) R Ingram 9-11-0 R Supple
4 0313 NEARLY HONEST 7 (C,G) R Hodges 6-10-0 A Tory

2-5 Saahi, 7-2 Sing The Blues, 7-1 Nearly Honest, 14-1 Construction.

4.10 *MANITOBA HANDICAP HURDLE* (All-weather: £1,722: 2m) (4)

1 0212 RARFY'S DREAM 14 (CD,G) J Banks 6-11-12 D Gallagher
2 -311 DONOSTI 7 (CD,F,G) R Lee 10-11-9 D Fort (7)
3 6P-P EDDIE WALSHE 12F (D,F) J Long 9-10-6 Leesa Long
4 F510 BILL QUILL 50 (G,S) R Frost 10-10-0 R Darke (7)

11-8 Rarfy's Dream, 13-8 Donosti, 100-30 Bill Quill, 14-1 Eddie Walshe.

4.40 ALBERTA NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (All-weather: £1,604: 2m) (12)

1 3 FAWLEY FLYER 21 W G Turner 5-11-5 R Darke (7)
2 30 SEBASTOPOL 61 P Nicholls 5-11-5 D Hobbs (7)
3 0 SOBER ISLAND 7 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 T Jenks (5)
4 STEEL FAUCON G Humphrey 5-11-5 Mr J Durkan
5 0/ CASTLE ROSE 666 J Sheehan 6-11-0 A Procter (3)
6 FURIOUS OATS B Forsey 6-11-0 Mr L Jefford (7)
7 0 DUNLIR 31 P Rodford 4-10-9 T Thompson (7)
8 4 ESPERER 21 J O'Donoghue 4-10-9 A Dicken (3)
9 TOUGHNUTOCRACK J Parrett 4-10-9 S Arnold (7)
10 0 IVY EDITH 12 R O'Sullivan 4-10-4 D O'Sullivan
11 KEEL ROW T Thomson Jones 4-10-4 D Meade
12 SURGICAL SPIRIT J Mullins 4-10-4 S Curran (5)

5-2 Sober Island, 3-1 Sebastopol, 7-2 Fawley Flyer, 6-1 Keel Row, 10-1 Esperer, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Banks, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%, P Hiatt, 3 from 7, 42.9%; C Weedon, 6 from 18, 33.3%, C Benstead, 8 from 25, 32.0%; T Thomson Jones, 13 from 49, 26.5%, R Lee, 6 from 24, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Fort, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%, A Dicken, 20 from 57, 35.1%; M Hourigan, 4 from 14, 28.6%, M Ahern, 11 from 60, 18.3%; A Tory, 7 from 40, 17.5%, J Frost, 6 from 36, 16.7%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Windsor

Going: good to soft

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, No Pain No Gain (E Murphy, 10-1); 2, Do Be Have (8-1); 3, Bass Rock (6-1). Finesse The King 7-2 fav. 19 ran. *NR: Upton Lass, White* Hunter. 5l, 2½l. B Curley. Tote: £11.00; £3.10, £4.40, £2.20 DF: £93.10. CSF: £91.06.

1.50 (3m ch) 1, *Rakaia River (B Powell,* 25-1); 2, New Ghost (33-1); 3, Willow Gale (20-1) Howaryadoon 9-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Silent Chant. 1l, 10l. T Forster. Tote: £24.20; *£4.10, £4.80,* £3.90. DF: £507.70. CSF: £541.15.

2.20 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Antiaffed (D Gallagher, 12-1); 2, Uneds (14-1); 3, *Prince of Salerno (9-2 jt-fav). Very Little* 9-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. 3l, 6l. J Akehurst. Tote: £20.60; £4.00, £4.60, £1.70 DF: £1,114.80 Trio: £643.70. CSF: £159.35. Tricast: £803.99.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Ghofar (P Holley, 9-2); 2, Little General (4-1 fav); 3, Beresfords Girl (6-1). 8 ran. 5l, 6l. D Elsworth. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £12.80. CSF: £21.82 Tricast: £98.87.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, First Avenue (J Railton, 12-1); 2, Forever Shineing (33-1); 3, Ealing Court (2-1 jt-fav). Move A Minute 2-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. *8l, hd.* C Drewe. Tote: £32.50; £4.40, £2.30, £1.40. DF: £145.30. CSF: £323.28

3.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Fiddlers Three (R Farrant, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Love Anew (5-1); 3, Bush Hill *(9-1). Rich Nephew 2-1 jt-fav.* 5 ran. 4l, dist. T Forster. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.72.

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Moving Out (M Perrett, *13-2);* 2, Caribbean Prince (10-1); 3, Averon (50-1); 4, Kalling (9-2 jt-fav). Erzadjan 9-2 jt-fav. 18 ran. 10l, 10l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £3.70, £25.10, £2.80. DF: £130.70. Trio: £758.80. CSF: £75.09. Tricast: £2,847.27.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,509.44 carried forward to Towcester today).

Placepot: £10,592.30 (pool of £3005.93 carried forward to Towcester today).

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WISHING GATE
(2.30 Edinburgh)
Next best: Knave Of Clubs
(2.20 Towcester)

Leicester

Going: *chase course - good to soft; hurdles - heavy*

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Preenka Girl (R Dunwoody, 4-5 fav); 2, Resta Man (2-1); 3, Marshall Pinden (16-1). 7 ran. NR: Armashocker. 6l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.07

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, River Lossie (J Osborne, 11-8). Mister Nova 8-13 fav. 2 ran. C Egerton. Tote: £1.70.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Jailbreaker (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1); 2, Saraville (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Castle Diamond (4-1). *Man of Mystery 9-4* jt-fav. 7 ran. 25l, dist. B Millman. Tote: £8.00; £3.70, £2.00 DF: £7.00. CSF: £21.77.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, Honest Word (R Dunwoody, 1-4 fav); 2, *Dolly Oats (20-1);* 3, Sayyure (8-1). 7 ran. 25l, 15l. *M Pipe.* Tote £1.30; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.47.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1. Rosgill (D Bridgwater, 9-4); *2, Auvillar (11-2); 3, Corly Special (9-1).* Flying Speed 15-8 fav. 9 ran. 2l, dist. J White. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.80, £2.00 DF: £5.30. CSF: £14.28.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Chief Rager (D Bridgwater, 5-4); 2, Divine Chance (Evens fav); 3, Pennant Cottage (9-1). 8 ran. NR: Riverside Moss. 10l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.81.

Placepot: £16.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Abeloni (S Wynne, 5-2 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Strong John (7-2); 3, Ruth's Gamble (11-4) 6 ran. 8l, 8l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.90; £1.80. *£2.30. DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.98.*

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Bum Bridge (Peter Caldwell, 7-2), 2, Aidington Chapple (5-2), 3, Double The Stakes (7-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: *Lord Naskra.* 2l, 2½l. T Caldwell. Tote. £4.00, £1.50, £1.40. £1.40. DF: £5.00 Trio: £1.90. CSF: £13.13 Tricast: £18.84

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Fret (N Bentley, 9-4), 2, Bozo Bailey (16-1), 3, Vasimotion (9-1). Quick Silver Boy 11-10 fav. 9 ran. 1l, 5l. G Moore. Tote: £3.20, £1.80, £2.30, £2.80 DF £29.20 CSF: £36.16

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1. Bentley Manor (W Humphreys, 2-1 fav); 2, Santa Ponsa Bay (8-1), 3, Tristan's Comet (11-4) 6 ran. 4l, 10l. K Bridgwater Tote. £2.10, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £12.10 CSF: £15.58.

3.40 (3m hdle) 1. Red Columbia (Mrs G Adkin, 14-1); 2, Devosity (10-1), 3, Maureen's Fancy (6-1). General Shot 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 4l, 5l. F Coton. Tote: £24.70; £3.40, £3.20, £1.50 DF: £87.10. CSF: £139.38.

4.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Cosmic Dancer (A Carroll, 9-4 fav), 2, Court Circular (5-2), 3, For Heaven's Sake (4-1). 8 ran. 4l, 4l. S Woods. Tote. £3.40: £1.30, £1.90, £1.10. *DF: £4.80. CSF £8.55 Tricast £19.56*

Placepot: £212.60.

Edinburgh enjoys improved facilities

EDINBURGH racecourse today unveiled a £750,000 investment package to improve facilities at the track. The funding comes in the form of a £350,000 Levy Board loan with the remainder made up of capital investment from a number of sources. Money will be spent on a new corporate complex and there will be an upgrading of the stable yard as well as a new restaurant and environmental improvements. East Lothian District Council will control a new company set up to run the Musselburgh track. Edinburgh, threatened with closure in 1963, has undergone something of a renaissance in recent years.

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Downhill taking speed to the limits

David Powell on the debate in skiing about the dangers of the sport after the death of Ulrike Maier



The death of Maier, above, in a women's World Cup downhill race on Saturday has led to criticism of courses and safety precautions

The victory by Hilary Lindh yesterday in the first World Cup women's downhill since the death on Saturday of Ulrike Maier was a timely reminder that, while questions will always be asked about the sport's safety when a fatality occurs, the competitors take part knowing the risks and accepting them as part of the game.

When Lindh skied to an Olympic downhill silver medal for the United States two years ago, she was asked to describe her ideal course. "I like a course where there is action the whole way down," she said. Most downhillers take a similar view.

Less than two years after the death of Gernot Reinstadler, who died in qualifying for a World Cup downhill in Wengen, Patrick Ortlieb, his compatriot, won the Olympic title in Val d'Isere. It was an Olympic victory not worth the name, Ortlieb said. "I hope I never have to race again on this track," he said. "It is not spectacular enough. It is too slow."

The downhill is the jewel in the World Cup crown. Frequently it rivals Formula One for danger, with high-speed crashes in almost every race. Even yesterday, on the day a memorial service was being held for Maier, the women in Sierra Nevada, Spain, travelled at speeds outlawed on British motorways. Sierra Nevada has a reputation for fast skiing. It was there, last March, that Armin Assinger, another Austrian, set a World Cup record for average speed.

Three years ago, at the time of Reinstadler's death, Berhard Russi, a former world and Olympic downhill champion, spoke of the difficulties he faced in his capacity as the course designer for the International Ski Federation (FIS). "My greatest task is to fight to cut down the average speed of races," Russi said. Fight whom? Not television or sponsors. "The skiers and their coaches," Russi said.

"I like being on the edge, being in dangerous situations," A. J. Kitt, a New Yorker, said after his first World Cup victory. For those who prefer not to take the risk, there is the slalom, or the giant slalom, tests of technique rather than nerve.

Alberto Tomba, the Italian who is the sport's main attraction, has never won the overall World Cup title but would have done so had he not refused, since 1987, to race downhill. He says that he shuns downhill for his mother's sake because she worries for his safety. However, Brian Stemmle's success in winning compensation from Kitzbühel Ski Club after suffering life-threatening injuries five years ago, emphasises that there is as little room for error by safety officials as there is for skiers. Stemmle, a Canadian, claimed that reasonable precautions for a World Cup downhill had not been taken.

Though Kerrin Lee-Gartner, the Olympic champion, has said that she may not defend her title because of Maier's death, there are plenty willing, other than Lindh, to try to be her successor. Katja Seizinger, a regular downhill winner, will be among them. After the early-season slaloms and giant slaloms, she was growing tired of waiting for a downhill. "I am ready for some real racing," she said.

The FIS has denied charges by Hubert Schweighofer, the father of Maier's four-year-old daughter, that it was responsible for the former super giant slalom world champion's death. Schweighofer, vowing to sue, said she had broken her neck because her head struck a wooden post holding a timing device.

As the announcement came yesterday that the men's World Cup downhill, scheduled for Saturday on the same mountain in Garmisch-Partenkirchen where Maier met her death, has been cancelled because the course is considered too dangerous, criticism of the safety precautions last weekend came from an official in Britain. Richard Berry, a FIS technical delegate, described it as "the most unnecessary fatal accident that ski racing can ever have witnessed".

Berry said, in a letter to *The Times*, that Maier hit an object at the side of the course and that "it is the specific responsibility of the World Cup director, or the technical director, to ensure adequate protection against such possibilities". Asked why such an alleged oversight may have occured, Berry added: "I am concerned about the new developments of the last few years, when the World Cup director has become virtually responsible for the safety of the event.

"He goes from one race to another on the circuit and I believe that the strain and stress of making sure a race course is in perfect condition to too much for one man at every World Cup event of the year."

Christian Knaut, the FIS spokesman, said that Maier's mistake did not occur on a dangerous part of the course, that it was a mistake that only she made. He stressed that downhill racing was moving gradually away from fast courses to technical ones.

Maximum average speeds of 100 kilometres per hour for women and 110kph for men are in force but, according to Berry, these are sometimes exceeded. "They do their best to change the courses if the maximum speed has exceeded the 110kph mark," Berry said.

As technological advances have been made to help the skiers go faster, so manufacturers have worked on improved safety. Netting, for example, has to be at the right tension. There is no excuse now for skiers disappearing under the nets or springing off them. Foam padding has replaced straw bales as protection against objects.

As well as technical developments, such as improved skis, faster ski wax and streamlined clothing, changes in climate have made the sport faster. With warmer races in Alpine resorts, race organisers are forced to prepare coures with artificial snow which can get faster, harder and icier in cold conditions.

It was an observation made long ago by Pirmin Zurbriggen, the 1988 Olympic champion. "You can't afford any mistake on artificial snow," Zurbriggen said. It was the lack of snow which brought the decision yesterday to cancel the men's race on Saturday. As Maier's funeral is held today even the most daring downhiller will not question that decision.

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Experience unable to insulate Muster from defeat

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAI

GETTING to the top is one thing, staying there is another. Last year Thomas Muster, of Austria, had his best season on the men's tennis tour to climb back into the top ten. But yesterday he could not get beyond the second round of the Dubai Open, losing in straight sets to Henrik Holm, a Swedish player ranked 40 places below him.

Holm, too, has suffered from an attack of altitude sickness. In 1992 he finally made the breakthrough into the top 20, only to slip back among the lesser lights last year as doubts set in.

Yesterday there was nothing but certainty about his game as he overcame the second seed in 90 minutes, winning 6-3, 6-4 to set up a quarter-final meeting with Alexander Volkov. It is all a matter of confidence. The more matches Holm plays, the better he gets, the more relaxed he feels and the more chance he gives himself to win.

"I feel very loose and that's the key to tennis," he said. "The first year I played I was very aggressive but last year every time I walked on court I got tense and lost a lot of matches."

For Muster, it was one of those days when nothing would go right. He found the court too slow, the balls too heavy and his rackets too slack.

"Usually you can get by on experience but everything I did went wrong," he said. "The way I played today I would lose to most people."

This time last year Dubai was making a name for itself as the tournament to come to. Word spread among the players and 12 months later eight of the top 20 are here.

But the best players demand the best officials and yesterday Muster, Ivan Lendl and Andrei Cherkasov all complained about the quality of the line judges.

Lendl, the No 5 seed, and Cherkasov may have been trying to beat each other but they briefly joined forces in protest over six dubious calls in the second set as Lendl called the ATP tour supervisor on court to sort out the mess.

Despite the distraction and being unhappy with his game, Lendl eased into the quarter-finals 6-4, 6-2.

☐ Zoe Mellis, a 16-year-old qualifier from Woodford Green, upset the third seed, Caroline Toyre, of France, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the LTA women's satellite tournament at Telford yesterday.

Resilient Ebdon overcomes Harold

BY PHIL YATES

PETER Ebdon's ability to produce his best form when it matters most again stood him in good stead when he beat Dave Harold 5-4 in the quarter-finals of the Regal Welsh Open snooker tournament in Newport yesterday.

Ebdon, the grand prix champion, was forced to recover from a 4-2 deficit to overcome Fergal O'Brien by the same score in the previous round and when Harold, a surprise winner of the Asian Open in Bangkok last season, led 3-1 another rearguard action was called for.

A break of 80, easily the highest of the match, gave Ebdon the fifth frame and, assisted by errors from Harold, he fought back after trailing 44-0 and 56-0 respectively in the next two frames to establish a 4-3 advantage.

Harold, from Stoke, the world No 50, responded with a break of 56 in the eighth to level the match at 4-4, but Ebdon controlled the deciding frame to set up a best of eleven frame semi-final tomorrow against Stephen Hendry, the world champion, or Alan McManus, who were due to meet in the quarter-finals last night.

"I am usually quite a good starter but lately I've turned into the snooker version of Houdini," Ebdon, the provisional world No 10, said.

"When I beat Gary Wilkinson 5-4 in the quarter-finals of the grand prix after being 4-1 down, it gave me inspiration and I am sure this will do the same."

RESULT: P Ebdon (Eng) d Harold (Eng) 5-4

Skirts and trousers put ice skaters in a whirl

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN

SKIRTS must be worn. And men in trousers, please. With the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer a week away, ice skaters have been reminded that their sport is an athletic event and that they should dress accordingly. Otherwise marks will be deducted.

This will be depressing news for Katarina Witt, the double Olympic champion. In her opening technical programme, dressed as one of Robin Hood's Merrie Men, she appears in tights topped by a suede jerkin.

This fails to satisfy the requirements of the International Skating Union (ISU), which circulated this week a reminder to skaters, coaches and judges. The regulation states that "costumes for ladies must have skirts and pants covering the hips and posterior". If not, judges are ordered to deduct between 0.1 and 0.2 in the mark for artistic impression or presentation, if it is the technical programme.

Witt, the Olympic champion in 1984 and 1988, is faced with a dilemma. She is banking on a high placing in the opening technical section, where her well-groomed presentation scores heavily over her young and more athletic opponents. A penalty could knock her out of contention before the free programme, her main strength. In this, her loose, blood-red dress, in tribute to war-torn Sarajevo, will meet approval.

She opens her technical programme by firing from an imaginary bow into the audience before gliding into action. The costume reminder from the ISU in Switzerland will come either like a bolt from a William Tell crossbow and lead to frantic tailoring by her seamstress, or she will stay as she is and gamble.



Witt: may decide to gamble on her skating outfit

There will be men in tights at the Olympics — but they are receiving one of their last airings in Norway. The demand for men to wear trousers — which will be enforced in May — reflects the ISU's anxiety at the prospect of figure skating and ice dancing developing into ballet on ice, and, as a result, being dropped from the Olympics.

The regulation demands that "costumes be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition ... may reflect the character of the music chosen ... must not be garish or theatrical, and must not have excessive decoration".

Among those in need of a rapid costume reappraisal will be Andreis Vlashchenko, the Latvian, who appeared in the European Championships last month dressed in what looked like the full battle dress of a teutonic knight.

Possibility of defeat dawns on Eubank

CHRIS Eubank, who defends his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title against Graciano Rocchigiani, of Germany, in Berlin on Saturday, is at last having doubts about his own invincibility (Srikumar Sen writes).

Eubank revealed at a pre-fight press conference yesterday that he is already beginning to think about what life might be without a title. He did not say whether such thoughts were prompted by problems with the taxman — Eubank said he wished he had been on PAYE — or that the German might prove too much for him.

Eubank is making around £700,000 from this bout and it has been said that the size of the fee may have caused him to overlook the size of the task. "A loss is a crippling thing," Eubank said, following a face-to-face meeting with Rocchigiani. "It has to happen. It happens to everyone. But I am a reasonable man and I will take it like any prudent man will."

However, he said that if he were defeated, it would not be by Rocchigiani because the German's record did not compare with Nigel Benn's.

☐ Gary Jacobs, the European welterweight champion from Glasgow, will have one more contest before challenging Pernell Whitaker. After Jacobs's points victory over Tek N'Kalankete, of France, in Paris on Tuesday, his manager, Mickey Duff, said Jacobs would probably make a mandatory defence of his European title in March against Alessandro Duran, of Italy, and then take on Whitaker in early summer.

PICK OF THE SEASON

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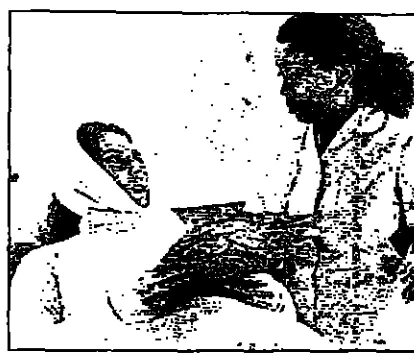
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BBC1

6.00 *Business Breakfast* (58113)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54765241)
9.05 Kilroy. A topical studio discussion (7336593) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (5070777)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9005048) **10.05 *Playdays*** *(r) (s) (3568883)*
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (38254951)
12.15 Pebble Mill Alan Titchmarsh is joined by the actress Pam Ferris (s) (8663280) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (55359048)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (32338)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49344796) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** General knowledge competition (s) (49348512)
2.15 FILM: Sleep, My Love (1948, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert, Don Ameche and Robert Cummings. Suspense yarn about a husband trying to turn his wealthy wife insane in order to marry his mistress. Directed by Douglas Sirk (560593). **Wales:** Snooker
3.50 Noddy (r) (s) (7023574) **4.00 Batfink** (5685929) **4.05 Jackanory**. The first of a two-part story, *The Man*, by Raymond Briggs (r) (s) (7690551) **4.20 Popeye and Son** (1085965) **4.30 Sloggers**. (Ceefax) (s) (6242593) **4.55 Newsround** (7761241) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (5823390)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (376357)
6.00 Six O'Clock News *with Anna Ford and Andrew* Harvey (Ceefax) Weather (96)
6.30 Regional news magazines (48)
7.00 Top of the Pops. *(Ceefax) (s) (1796)*
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (32)
8.00 Health and Efficiency. Comedy series set in a *hospital, starring Gary Olsen.* (Ceefax) (s) (7116)
8.30 Wildlife on One: The Haunted Huntress. A portrait of the life of a cheetah and her two cubs, *hunting and being hunted in Kenya's Masai Mara* (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9951)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather* (5357)



Jennifer Saunders in her sick bed (9.30pm)

9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina's thoughts turn to *mortality after hearing of her father's death. How will* she be remembered? (Ceefax) (s) (13154)
10.00 Ben Elton – The Man from Auntie. Stand-up routines and comedy sketches *(84154)*
10.30 Question Time chaired by David Dimbleby. The guests include Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, and MPs Peter Lilley and Ken Livingstone (10406). **Wales:** The Slate 11 00 Question Time 12.00 Snooker 12.30am-1 00 Jonathan Ross
11.30 Jonathan Ross Presents. Emma Thompson talks to Jonathan Ross (s) (94680)
12.00 FILM: Whatever Happened to Aunt Alice? (1969) starring Geraldine Page and Ruth Gordon. Horror comedy about an elderly widow who finds a novel way to keep up her standard of living. Directed by Lee H. Katzin (124297) **1.40am Weather** (3505278) **3.00-3.30 RCN Nursing Update** (53100)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (2696777)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4530390)
9.00 Daytime on Two. *Educational programmes. Plus,* for children. **1.20** Fiddley Foodle Bird (25708241) **1.30-1.40** Johnson and Friends (60236203)
2.00* News** *(Ceefax)* and weather followed by **Numbertime** (r) (s) (11703154) **2.20 Play It Safe!** What can be done to make roads safer for children? *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (32774593)* ***2.30 Advice Shop Citizens' rights magazine, this week from Truro (39)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live** Includes Prime Minister's questions (Ceefax) (5324680) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7021116)
4.00 Today's the Day Quiz show with Martyn Lewis (61)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama series. English subtitles (s) (45). **Wales:** Between Ourselves
5.00 Catchword Paul Coia with another edition of the word game (s) (9574)
5.30 From the Edge. Current affairs from the disabled point of view (Ceefax) (25)
6.00 FILM: The Americano *(1955) starring Glenn Ford,* Frank Lovejoy and Cesar Romero. Western adventure about a Texas cowboy who delivers a herd of prize bulls to a Brazilian ranch only to find the customer has been murdered. Directed by William Castle (1219864) **7.20 Animation Now** *Red Hot Riding Hood* (514116)
7.30 First Sight. A report on the blight that is Beckton (74) **Wales:** Week In Week Out: **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report. **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up. **West:** Close Up West
8.00 CHOICE **Big Science** (8086)
8.30 The Quest for the Rose Roger Phillips continues his search for the origins of the rose. (Ceefax) (s) (7593)
9.00 The All-New Alexei Sayle Show. Observational humour from the Liverpudlian comedian (s) (3999)



Michael Palin relaxes in Ireland (9.30pm)

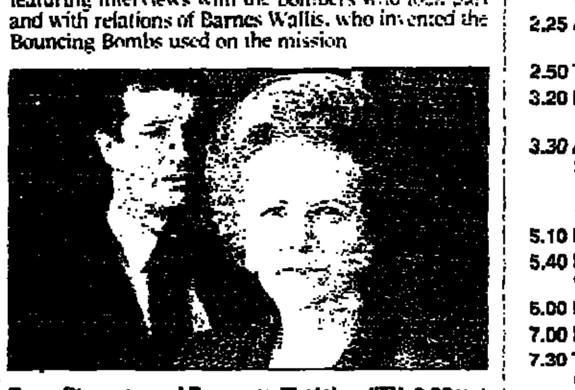
9.30 CHOICE **Great Railway Journeys: Derry to Kerry.** *(Ceefax) (66338)*
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (244864)
11.15 The Late Review with Mark Lawson (s) (769883)
11.55 Weather (557845)
12.00 Open View. Highlights of the weekend's Open University programmes (9765687). Ends at **12.05am**

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CHOICE

Secret History: The Dambusters' Raid
Channel 4, 9.00pm

This intriguing programme tells the story behind the 1943 raids on the Ruhr dams. Although the mission was perceived at the time to be successful, it was costly in terms of RAF losses and the important Sorpe dam was never breached. The documentary argues that Hitler's industrial base was not as disabled as it was reported to be, but the raid was significant in other ways. It was a morale booster, it helped Churchill in his dealings with Russia and America and it diverted German resources as they struggled to rebuild and protect the dams. In part a reflective historical essay, the film also works as a gripping adventure story featuring interviews with the bombers who took part and with relations of Barnes Wallis, who invented the Bouncing Bombs used on the mission



Barry Strevens and Baroness Thatcher (ITV, 9.30pm)

Scotland Yard: Special Branch
ITV, 9.30pm

The fight against terrorism is highlighted in this week's episode. Baroness Thatcher gives a frank interview about the way the Brighton bomb shook her *subconscious belief that "it can never happen to you".* People normally in the shadows such as Detective Chief Inspector Barry Strevens talk about their *responsibilities. He admits that when acting as a* bodyguard: "If there was no option we would shoot and we would shoot to kill". The programme also deals with bomb disposal teams, phone-tapping and the protection of areas such as the City. In all, it is a useful behind-the-scenes exercise, though not really probing about issues of expense or civil liberties

Great Railway Journeys: Derry to Kerry
BBC2, 9.30pm

Michael Palin continues to enjoy a cosy relationship with the BBC, this time allowing the Corporation to fund him on an idyllic journey across Ireland, from the north to the south. Having travelled round the world, he finds this relaxing stuff, but the programme is never dull. Aside from Palin's genial humour, there is *Ireland's wonderful coastal scenery plus a chance to* meet some of its famous residents. The Edge from U2 talks about the spirit of "healthy disrespect" that links the country's rockers, writers and artists, while author Molly Keane jokes that reading one of her own books would be like "a dog returning to its vomit". Palin also tries to find out more about his great-grandmother Brita Gallagher, who emigrated to America during the 1840s. Travelling, it seems, is in the blood.

Big Science
BBC2, 8.00pm

Much as I am prone to getting sentimental about inanimate objects, I have not yet experienced any special feelings for my computer. By contrast, Santa Fe scientist Chris Langton is clearly going barmy. He believes that he can create Artificial Life or A-Life inside his machine. So attached is he now to his self-reproducing loops that when people talk to him about his descendants he starts thinking about the loops rather than his children or grandchildren. The implications of switching off his computer at night are beginning to alarm him. Also featured in this programme is an item on vampires and a disturbing look at Chinese Eugenics. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (176406) **9.00 Top of the Morning** with Amanda Redington (8729593)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw with Shane Richie (s) (8722650) **9.55 London Today** (3544203)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place Topical studio debate (s) (2488309)
10.35 This Morning with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (36346390) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) (5138203)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) Weather (3273628) **12.55 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (3257319)
1.25 Home and Away Australian family drama series (Teletext) (9795304) **1.55 Gardener's Diary** Nigel Snow looks at trees with colourful bark (58897690)
2.25 A Country Practice Medical drama series (s) (43081845)
2.50 TV Weekly with Eamonn Holmes (s) (3564680)
3.20 News (Teletext) (8336863) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) Weather (8335154)
3.30 Allsorts *(s) (8516154)* ***3.40 Tots TV*** *(s) (7052086)* **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (4156425) **4.10 Wolf It** (Teletext) (s) (2541048) **4.40 Fun House** (Teletext) *(2378796)*
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5857357)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (693661)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (56767)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (6664)
7.30 The Big Story Dermot Murnaghan reports on corruption and fraud in public life (s) (28)
8.00 The Bill: Keeping Mum DC Lines and DS Greig can't decide whether a young boy is just a thief or desperate to protect his mother (Teletext) (5512)



George Cole in the confessional (8.30pm)

8.30 Minder: The Immaculate Contraption Arthur begins to wonder about divine retribution when he sells an unreliable car to a nun and everything starts *to go wrong (Teletext) (s) (55845)*
9.30 CHOICE **Scotland Yard** (Teletext) (26002)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) Weather (79222) **10.30 London Tonight** (716116)
10.40 Just a Minute Nicholas Parsons and Tony Slattery are joined by Tony Hawks, Helen Lederer and Kit Hesketh-Harvey (s) (377244)
11.10 Big City with Gordon Kennedy and Carolyn Marshall (s) (106715)
11.40 FILM: Rising Damp (1980) starring Leonard Rossiter as the landlord from Hell. Rigsby continues his pursuit of Miss Jones in this feature-length version of the popular television comedy series. Directed by Joe McGrath (137086)
1.30 Donahue. The American chat show host talks to Dr Deepak Chopra, who claims to have found the fountain of youth (89839)
2.30 The Beat with Gary Crowley (r) (s) (60278)
3.30 Quiz Night. Stuart Hall hosts the pub quiz (51297)
4.00 The Album Show *presented by Lynne Parsons (r)* (s) (12655) **5.00 Videofashion** (r) (66094)
5.30 ITN Morning News (49278)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors *(r)* (6528116)
7.00 The Big Breakfast Early-morning mayhem with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (15661)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (96999)
9.30 Schools Middle English (9467785) 9.46 *Mathematical Eye (7608834) 10.07 Scientific Eye* (3551593) 10.28 Geographical Eye: Over Europe (4949932) 10.52 Schools at Work (5649932) 11.00 *History in Action: Hypotheticals* (3863721) 11.22 The Microclass (7996864) 11.40 The French Programme (3056574)
12.00 House to House (75135)
12.30 Sesame Street Early-learning series (49796) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak** Animation (r) (25999)
2.00 FILM: The Fast Lady (1962) Comedy starring Stanley Baxter. A dour Scottish cyclist causes havoc on the roads when he buys a Bentley before passing his driving test. Directed by Ken Annakin (225883)
3.40 Tower of Mice. Animated tale about a miserly king (r) (9594932)
3.55 Travelog. Includes an update on tourism in Romania (r) (Teletext) (s) (6095630)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents the daily words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (41)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show *Oprah's panel is made* up of graduates from a How to Marry a Rich Woman course (Teletext) (s) (8705609)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy Animated antics of the disastrous duo (318574)
6.00 Crystal Maze Richard O'Brien guides six more *intrepid contestants through the different zones on* their way to the Crystal dome (r) (s) (56749)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (889338)
7.50 Comment (Teletext) (415898)
8.00 Eat Your Greens presented by Sophie Grigson. Clarissa Dixon-Wright makes cardoon gratin, Katherine Noren cooks asparagus with salmon hollandaise sauce and Mark Smith prepares curried *celery strips (r). (Teletext) (3154)*
8.30 The Pulse Shahnaz Pakravan reports from Liverpool Maternity Hospital on why some research *findings fail to change or influence clinical practice* (Teletext) (2661)



Bomber crew member Douglas Webb (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Secret History: The Dambusters' Raid** (Teletext) (s) (2512)
10.00 FILM: How to Get Ahead in Advertising (1989). *Satirical black comedy starring Richard E Grant as* a highly stressed advertising executive who believes that a boil on his neck is talking to him. Directed by Bruce Robinson. (Teletext) (s) (906883)
11.45 Sex Talk Mark Chase tries to discover what attracts people to each other and how to keep the passion alive in a long-term relationship (r) (467048)
12.30am Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (6087623)
1.20 Daughters of the Country: The Wake. The final *episode in the Canadian drama series. A Mountie* and a Metis woman's lives are changed forever when they fall in love (r) (2261013). Ends at **2.20**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** *Guest List* **10.00** *Mark Radcliffe* **12.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Angela Rippon **6.00** Holly at Christmas: *The story of Buddy Holly* **7.00** The Reluctant Jester (r) **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Reading Music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story, **9.15** Together: An Assembly for Schools, **9.35** Listen and Read 2, **9.45** Letter Box, **9.55** Poetry Corner. **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Personal Best **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** *BFBS Worldwide* **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** The Swish of the Curtain, by Pamela Brown (2/4) **7.15** The Girl with the Green Ear, by Margaret Mahy **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibel with Normski **9.00** Klub Kulture **9.30** Brighton Rock (final part) **10.10** Eastern Beat ***12.00-12.10am*** *News* Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in ***GMT*** ***4.30am*** *BBC English* **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports *Roundup* **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for January **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf, *Salt of the Earth* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** *World News* **4.10** *British News* **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** *Words of Faith* **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Story of Western Music **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** The False Inspector Drew **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** World News **4.15** Sharp Talents

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Mozart (Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K482) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** *Margaret Howard* **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides. Piano Sonata in B flat, Variations concertantes. Concerto in E for two pianos; Symphony No 3, Scottish) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-4.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3544203) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (8138203) **1.55** A Country Practice (49332951) **2.20** TV Weekly (43006154) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3564680) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8335154) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (5857357) **6.00** Home and Away (681932) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (687488) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (716116) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (377244) **11.10** Phoenix (889086) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (1534452) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (7988839) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (3783926) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3763297) **2.40** The Man from Dakota (1052926) **3.55** Jobfinder (2836510) **4.30** Night Shift (66294891) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5895365)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3544203) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (8138203) **1.55** Shortland Street (49332951) **2.20** TV Weekly (43006154) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3564680) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8335154) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (5857357) **6.00** Home and Away (681932) **6.25** Central News and Weather (699951) **6.55-7.00** Lite Line (811406) **10.30** Central News and Weather (716116) **10.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (618390) **11.40** Damien - Omen II (863999) **1.40am** The Little Picture Show (7934758) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9819346) **3.35** The Twilight Zone (75998100) **4.00** Jobfinder (5722094) **4.50** Quiz Night (91088549) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (49332951) **2.20** TV Weekly (43006154) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3564680) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8335154) **6.00** HTV News (64) **6.30-7.00** Special Report (16) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (716116) **10.40** The West This Week (237574) **11.25** Rock Sport (717970) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (119864) **12.35am** Bodies of Evidence (7988839) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (3783926) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3763297) **2.40** The Man from Dakota (1052926) **3.55** Jobfinder (2836510) **4.30** Night Shift (66294891) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5895365)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (8138203) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (8335154) **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six (64) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (28) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (716116) **10.40** Face Value (377244) **11.10-11.40** Wales and Westminster (106715)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (49332951) **2.20** TV Weekly (43006154) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3564680) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (64) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (16) **10.40** Meridian Focus (377244) **11.10** Love and War (889086) **12.10am-1.30** She Cried Murder (8814297)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25-12.30 Lookaround (8146222) **1.55** A Country Practice (49332951) **2.20** TV Weekly (43006154) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (2039357) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (786703) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (16) **10.40** Northern Eye (237574) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (149970) **12.20am** Eye of the Cat (842191) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3763297) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7016365) **3.10** Film Stamboul Quest (175278) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (8901758)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (58897690) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (43005425) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (56767) **10.40** Westcountry Focus The West at Work (377244) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (151715) **12.05am** Coach (6770568) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (7988839) **1.30** Wrestling (3783926) **2.10** America's Top Ten *(3762297)* ***2.40*** *The Man from Dakota* (1052926) **3.55** Jobfinder (2836610) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5895365)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49332951) **2.20** TV Weekly (45006154) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (2039357) **5.55** Calendar (786703) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (16) **10.40** Edit V (237574) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (149970) **12.20am** Film Eye of the Cat (842181) **2.10** America's Top Ten (3762297) **2.40** Cinema Cinema Cinema (7016365) **3.10** Stamboul Quest (175278) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (8901758)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (15661) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (96999) **9.30** Tsgolion (183852) **12.00pm** House To House (76135) **12.30** Siot Merthin (26626) **1.00** Travelog (25048) **1.30** Putting Art In Its Place (25999) **2.00** Miss Sadie Thompson (225683) **3.40** The Clangers (4156553) **4.00** Slot 23 (2883) **5.00** The Cosby Show (7970) **5.30** Countdown (93) **6.00** Newyddion (794970) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (670951) **6.25** Heno (292870) **7.00** Pobol y Cwm (4406) **7.30** Treb... (70) **8.00** Elen ... Andrew (5154) **8.30** Newyddion (2661) **9.00** Taro Naw (8057) **9.30** The Pulse (48224) **10.00** Snwcer (77364) **10.30** Raising Arizona (51969609) **12.15am** Nurses (85636) **12.45** Undercover Britain (84907) **1.15** Karachi Kops (74520)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: East (You meaner beauties of the night); Mendelssohn (Song *without Words in A minor,* Op 62 No 5, Venetian Gondola Song No 5); Schumann (Leis' rudern hier, mein Gondolier, Wenn durch die Piazzetta, Two Venetian Songs, Op 25 Nos 17 and 18); Shostakovich (Suite No 1 for jazz band), Corelli (Trio Sonata in A, Op 1 No 3), and Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Chopin. Introduction and Polonaise in C, Op 3; Twelve Etudes, Op 10: Fugue in A minor; Mazurkas, in C sharp minor, Op 63 No 3, and in C, Op 33 No 3; Etude in F minor, Op 25 No 2, Nocturne in D flat, Op 27 No 2
10.00 Musical Encounters: Beethoven (Variations on Ein *Mädchen oder Weibchen*) **10.15** Artist of the Week: the Beaux Arts Trio perform Mozart's Piano Trio in C, K548 **10.35** Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 1 in E flat, Op 2), Beethoven (Violin Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring): Franz Schmidt (Concertante Variations on a Theme of Beethoven)
12.00 Ensemble *(r)*
1.00pm News 1.05 Opera Matinée: Benjamin Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream, in a recent recording from* Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia
4.00 Paganini Ensemble Jean-Jacques Kantorow and John Trusler, violins; Vladimir Mendelssohn, viola; Mira *Fujiwara, cello;* and Anthea Gifford, guitar, perform Boccherini's Guitar Quintet No 5 in D, G449, and Paganini's Guitar Quartet in C, Op 4 No 2
4.45 Leos Janáček: Pohadka, *performed by Miklos Perenyi,* cello, and Istvan Lantos, piano
5.00 The Music Machine Anas
5.15 ***In Tune:*** Ben George from Cardiff. Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 1), Bruch (Scottish Fantasia, Op 46); Gorecki (Totus Tuus)
7.25 Mahler: A live performance of *Symphony No 8 from* Birmingham's Symphony Hall Mark Elder conducts the CBSO and Chorus, with Deborah Riedel, Amanda Roocroft, Susan Chilcott, sopranos; Anne-Marie Owens and Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzos; John Mitchinson, tenor; and Jason Howard and Michael Druiett, baritones. Plus *the City of Birmingham Choir* and school choirs
9.05 Sleepless Nights Creative writing. With Hugo Williams
9.10 Thomas Zehetmair and Lisa Smirnova, violin and piano, perform Mozart (Sonata in F, K377), Schoenberg (Fantasy, Op 47), Beethoven (Violin Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2) *(r)*
10.15 A Different Rhythm (r)
10.45 Night Waves
11.30 Voices: Getting from A to B in song **12.30-12.35am News**
1.00-2.05 Night School *(except in* Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

CHOICE

Oliver Twist. *FM Radio 4, 10.00am.*

A six-part dramatisation by Nigel Bryant of Dickens's account of a *parish boy's progress has begun in workmanlike fashion. The actors* behave as if they have carefully studied Dickens's words and Cruikshank's illustrations, and, by directing the serial himself, *Bryant has stamped on any temptation by his cast to go over the top.* Roger Hume's Bumble, Richard Pearce's Artful Dodger and Edward Long's Oliver shine brightly in episode one, but I have also heard *episode two, and I am happy to tell you that* John Grillo's Fagin is a terrific amalgam of the comical and the villainous.

Looking Forward to the Past. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

The quartet of celebrities who are invited by chairman Paul Boateng to "unleash their imaginations upon the battlefields and boudoirs of history" are Lord Healey, *Dr Rosalind Miles, Billy Bragg* and Victoria Glendinning. In the event, this chat show is not even remotely bellicose nor is it prurient. Politics, literature, popular history and popular music are *all grist to a mill that is driven by gusts of* authoritative good humour. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for *the Day* **6.30** *Today, incl* **6.30 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite
9.30 On the Ropes. John Humphrys talks to people who have weathered storms in their careers. Today, Norman Lamont
10.00-10.30 News; Oliver Twist **(FM** only). See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only) Luke (11/12)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Wendy Barnaby investigates how reproductive technology affects family relationships
11.30 From Our Own **Correspondent**
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past See Choice **12.55** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; The Tyranny of Karma, by Agnes Sam. A student at York University discovers her future is inextricably linked to a young Indian plantation worker in South Africa. With Sudha Bhuchar and David Holt
3.00-4.00 News; Soapbox (**FM** only), with guests Steve Jones, Bob Payton and Patricia Hewitt
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (**LW** *only). live* from Westminster
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: A look at Jonathan Miller's production of Strauss's opera *Der Rosenkavalier* at the English National Opera, and a new play, *Dead Funny*
4.45 Short Story: Brits Abroad! All Over the Place, by Michael Carson. Read by Jane *Whittenshaw (r)*
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Darling You Were Marvellous Celebrity panel show with Sandi Toksvig
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack A legal rave party on Salisbury Plain
8.00 Analysis. Melanie Phillips examines how government reforms have affected the NHS
8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
9.15 Kaleidoscope *(r)*
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Peerless *Flats, by Esther Freud (4/8)*
11.00 The Comedians Final part of a dramatisation of the novel by Graham Greene. With Michael Kitchen (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl ***12.27*** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (73395332) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5400203) **9.10** Cartoons (4931425) **9.30** Card Sharks (4900929) **9.55** Concentration (7855690) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (63368641) **10.30** Love at First Sight (10593) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (58390) **12.00** Urban Peasant (74195) **12.30pm** E Street (35390) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (30845) **2.00** Shogun (53593) **3.00** Another World (7699749) **3.45** DJ Kat (8446883) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (7135) **6.00** Games (7628) **6.30** E Street (1680) **7.00** M*A*S*H (8664) **7.30** Full House (7864) **8.00** Rescue (91970) **9.00** LA Law (86406) **10.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (81593) **11.00** Untouchables (79983) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (71556) **1.00am** Night Court (84029) **1.30-2.00** Living Colour (24181)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (65241) **9.30** Nightline (33115) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (18135) **11.30** Japan Business (92777) **12.30pm** News and Business (30135) **1.30** CBS News (21864) **2.30** Parliament Live (10661) **4.30** News and Business (4777) **7.30** Reporters (5406) **9.30** *Talkback (53796)* **11.30** *CBS News (29390)* **12.30am** ABC News (40617) **1.30** Reporters (58159) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (66549) **3.30** Talkback (61094) **4.30** Reporters (59100) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (89810)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase *(8896970)*
10.00 A Twist of Sand (1968) Two rogues hunt for hidden jewels in Africa (46406)
12.00 The Prisoner of Zenda (1979) *Swashbuckler with Peter Sellers (47796)*
2.00pm Heroes (1977) Vietnam veteran Henry Winkler rebuilds his life (72845)
4.00 Fitzwilly (1967): Butler Dick Van Dyke *runs a crime ring to finance his boss (2067)*
6.00 Chameleons (1989) A newspaper magnate is found dead, dressed in a superhero costume (92609)
8.00 Honour Thy Mother (1992) Sharon Gless's husband is murdered (97154)
10.00 Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare (1991) A child psychologist plan a send-off for Freddy (76845)
11.30 Hell Camp (1986) Thriller set on a torture island for soldiers (393715)
1.10am Night Gallery (1969) Three short films about the supernatural (590742)
2.45 Captive (1991) Drug-crazed convicts terrorise a young couple (674520)
4.15 The Prisoner of Zenda (as midday) (771742) Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am All Quiet on the Western Front *(1930, b/w). German teenagers volunteer for* action in the trenches in 1914 (56845)
8.00 Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967) Marlon Brando plays a repressed homosexual *army sergeant (51390)*
10.00 Water (1985) Diplomat Michael Caine tries to save a Caribbean island from exploitation (338022) Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am 1001 Arabian Nights Children's Eastern adventure (96338)
8.00 Around the World in 80 Days Hot air ballooning fun (27767)
9.00 Black Arrow Animated yarn (94929)
10.00 Strange Lady in Town (1955) Santa Fe residents are appalled to discover their new doctor is Greer Garson (44048)
12.00 A Child is Waiting (1963) Judy *Garland works at a special school (45338)*
2.00pm Little Heroes A poor girl challenges her neighbours' snobbery (10965)
4.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 8am) (50135)
5.00 Black Arrow (as 9am) (3195)
6.00 Pink Lightning (1991) Five young *women take to the road* (83951)
8.00 City Slickers (1991) Middle-aged men holiday on a dude ranch (95796)
10.00 Dances with Wolves (1990) Soldier *Kevin Costner joins a Sioux tribe (567574)*
1.00am I Posed for Playboy (1991) Three women bare all. With Linda Carter (296617)
2.40 Child of Rage (1992) An adopted girl reveals her horrifying past (206452)
4.20 Pink Lightning (as 6pm) (394742) Ends at **5.55**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (43703) **7.30** Soccer News (9050738) **7.45** *WWF (9195425)* **8.30** Drag Racing (16864) **9.00** Prime Bodies (11656) **9.30** Soccer (482319) **10.00** Basketball (37845) **12.00** European Super Cup (94628) **2.00pm** Welsh Open Snooker (758135) **5.00** Boots and All (9067) **6.00** Soccer News (416715) **6.15** Netbusters (404970) **6.30** Basketball (23351) **7.00** Welsh Open Snooker (463319) **10.00** Soccer (993680) **10.15** Boot Room (724574) **11.15** US PGA Golf (346154) **1.15-2.15am** French Football League (633013)

EUROSPORT
7.30am *Step Aerobics (18796)* **8.00** Artistic Gymnastics (40593) **9.00** Figure Skating (86609) **11.00** Eurogolf (94116) **12.00** Free Style Skiing World Cup (65628) **1.00pm** *Snooker (30425)* ***3.00*** *Winter Olympics* (3383) **3.30** Ice Hockey (95574) **4.30** Motors Magazine (42001) **5.30** Eurofun (49048) **6.30** Eurosport (7406) **7.00** Basketball (50086) ***8.30*** *Olympic Magazine (5749)* ***9.00*** *Boxing* (91406) **10.30** Tennis Highlights (22425) **11.00** Billiards (15609) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (33655)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (4874715) **7.30** Neighbours (4853022) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4250609) **8.30** EastEnders (4242680) **9.00** The Bill (4239932) **9.30** The Onedin Line (4861135) **10.30** Bergerac (1661067) **11.30** Sullivans (4478951) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4253796) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1466680) **1.00** EastEnders (4873086) **1.30** The Bill (1465951) **2.00** Love of Ada (2300067) **2.30** Mother Makes Three (5715845) **3.00** Dallas (4489067) **4.00** The Colbys (4468574) **4.55** Blankety Blank (76828932) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95063864) **5.55** Sykes (4896086) **6.30** EastEnders (5750154) **7.00** Survivors (2730593) **8.00** One Man's Meat (2340203) **8.30** Mother Makes Three (2369338) **9.00** Bergerac (27667777) **10.00** The Bill (4254425) **10.30** Innes Book of Records (4230645) **11.00** Top of the Pops (5910680) **11.45** Dr Who (7640715) **12.15am** FILM Terror from the Year 5000 (1958) Scientists bring a female alien to earth (52219181) **1.35** Video Bites (4724471) **2.15-7.00** Shopping (56943181)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan II (87999) **6.30** Bubobobs (90999) **7.00** Paddy (4548883) **7.20** Gravedale High (520390) **7.45** Pugwall *(529861)* ***8.15*** *Head to Head (9186241)* **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (58964) **9.00** Drobee Time (63319) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (29099) **11.00** Ratkan II (29203) **11.30** Bobobobs (20932) ***12.00*** *Paddy (5765116)* **12.15pm** Gravedale High (142661) **12.45** Pugwall (141932) **1.15** Head to Head (23088680) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (78116) **2.00** Madeline (2226) **2.30** Cupido (5647406) **2.45** Babar (161796) **3.15** Ratkan II (3070203) **3.20** Baby Follies (2472135) **3.40** Rude Dog (6758609) **3.55** Head to Head (5947609) **4.00** White Fang *(6519)* ***4.30-5.00*** *T-Rex (5203)*

NICKELODEON
7.00am Speed Racer (43785) **7.30** Turtles (14970) **8.00** Rugrats (15135) **8.30** Killer Tomatoes (14406) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (38086) **9.30** Cartoons (48951) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (72405) **10.30** We All Have Tales (27970) **11.00** Cartoon Capers (16715) **11.30** Wild Side (84116) **12.00** Bananas (18222) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (59067) **1.00** Storytime (93226) **1.30** Eureeka (75222) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (8999) **3.00** Cartoons (6357) **3.30** Speed Racer (4656) **4.00** Turtles (2951) **4.30** Get the *Picture (8135)* **5.00** Clarissa (3574) **5.30** Guts (2715) **6.00** Rugrats (9628) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (3680)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (5737067) **4.30** Durrell in Russia (5726951) **5.00** Dangerous Earth (2340601) **5.30** Violent Earth (4865593) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4627406) **7.00** Japan (2262425) **7.30** Big City Metro (5727680) **8.00** Terra X (2348845) **8.30** Pirates *(2350680)* ***9.00*** *Fighting Forces (2784319)* **10.00** Wildside (2767406) **11.00-12.00** Crossing Borders (4858777)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM It's Great to be Young (1956) Criminals frolic on the Riviera (9619796) **1.45pm** *FILM Freda (1947, b/w) A German* woman faces prejudice (10362425) **3.30** The Star and the Story (5745086) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5724593) **4.30** My Three Sons (5720777) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2379715) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5744557) **6.00** Saber of London (5734970) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (5725222) **7.00** Yancy Derringer (2359951) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (5721406) **8.00** FILM Edgar Wallace's The Share Out (1962, b/w) A detective hunts blackmailers (41547777) **9.15** FILM Spike Milligan Meets Joe Brown (1961) Zany comedy (1744241) **10.00** FILM The She Creature (1957, b/w) A hypnotist summons up a ghost (4382154) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3462661)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (8303672) **8.00** Family Affairs (1364086) **8.30** Bon Voyage (1383357) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6529680) **10.00** Dr Ruth *(4426086)* ***10.30*** *Young and the Restless* (8843990) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey (3652512) **12.00** Stars (77393425) **12.15pm** Practical Living (56212796) **12.30** Housecalls *(3533406)* ***1.00*** *Bazaar (5867425)* **1.30** Bon Voyage (9332777) **2.00** Agony (4427715) **3.00** Living (7500154) **3.45** Gladrags (69199390) **4.00** Definition (1141203) **4.30** Infatuation (1170715) **5.00** Musiquest (1908721) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5802338) **5.45** Kilroy (8672262) **6.30** Delia Smith (1142932) **7.00** Maternal World (7406965) **7.30** That's Amore (1148116) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2688135) **9.00** Film Lies (1983) An actress is caught in an insurance scam (75465883) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (6875203) **11.00** That's Amore (3643864) **11.30** Infatuation (4415970) **12.00-1.00am** Agony (3252128)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (4086) **5.30** Black Stallion (9883) **6.00** The Wonder Years *(6796)* ***6.30*** *Catchphrase (7048)* **7.00** All Clued Up (4222) **7.30** Pyramid Game (6932) **8.00** Cats Eyes (60048) **9.00** Lou Grant (73512) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (60609) **10.30** *Evening Shade (79357)* ***11.00*** *Remington* (20628) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (82094)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (387075) **8.00** VJ Ingo (985116) **11.00** Soul (30703) **12.00** Hits (90335) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (763861) **3.30** Report (6754883) **3.45** Movies (6759338) **4.00** News (6168241) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6158864) **4.30** Dial MTV (7661) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (42203) **7.00** Hits (86086) **8.00** Most Wanted (45425) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (91067) **10.00** Report (700067) **10.15** Movies (796222) **10.30** News (549406) **10.45** 3 from 1 (537661) **11.00** Party Zone (15290) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (37182) **2.00-5.00** Videos (3976471)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (21845) **7.00** Regional News (80226) **7.30** Asian Morning (10241) **8.00** Hindi News (55319) **8.30** Urdu News (3179375) **8.45** English News (2624280) **9.00** Barzakh (50845) **10.00** Hindi FILM Zindagi (645086) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (30767) **1.30** Hindi FILM Insaaf Ki Pukar (555999) **4.30** Kiddie Time (2357) **5.00-6.00** *TVA and You (7319)* **7.00** Ba Adab Ba Mulhaiza (17932) **8.00** English News (170116) **8.15** Hindi FILM. Naag Mere Sathi (87237512) **11.15** Feera (312864) **12.05am** *Five Past Midnight (8438723)* **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35262704)

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8.45 The Journey (1959). Tourists try to escape the Hungarian uprising (76484951)
11.05 Never Let Me Go (1953, b/w) Reporter Clark Gable is deported from Russia after marrying a ballerina (42920406)
12.50am Conspirator (1949, b/w): A woman begs her British soldier husband to give up spying (67761051)
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Commonwealth consolation after failed Olympic bid

Manchester wins Games vote



Scott, leader of the Manchester delegation, with previous disappointments forgotten, can smile as he displays a model of the main stadium. Photograph: John Manning

BY JOHN GOODBODY

MANCHESTER was yesterday given a consolation prize for failing to secure the 2000 Olympic Games. The city was nominated by England to stage the Commonwealth Games in 2002, the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's accession.

No other Commonwealth city has yet confirmed its candidacy. If there is need for the ballot among the 66 members of the Commonwealth Games Federation, it will be held in November 1995.

Yesterday's clear-cut victory for Manchester over London, by 17 votes to seven, will lead to the building of a national stadium capable of staging international football fixtures and major athletics meetings.

After a day of rare drama, with Sheffield withdrawing after refusing, at the last moment, to sign an indemnity against any financial losses, Manchester looks almost certain to bring the event to England for the first time since 1934.

Sir Bob Scott, who led the Manchester delegation said: "We are like Sydney were for the 2000 Olympics — the frontrunner that everyone had to beat and no one succeeded in beating."

Although Adelaide has asked the Australian government whether it can get federal funding for an attempt to hold the 2002 Games, it will have to confirm an interest by the time of this year's Commonwealth Games, being held in Victoria, Canada, which is where much of the lobbying will take place.

Scott, frustrated in his dealings with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said that it had been nice to taste victory after the Olympic defeat: "We are like an athlete — we win some races and we lose some." He added that the event would be a "vintage Commonwealth Games, a Golden Jubilee Games. They will be good for British sport because there will be a legacy of facilities left behind."

These will include an aquatic centre at Wigan and the main stadium at Eastlands, capable of holding 65,000 spectators. These facilities are expected to be funded out of the national lottery and millennium fund.

Asked whether Manchester would again try for the Olympics, once they had the advantage of having more significant facilities, Scott replied: "We have put any Olympic bid on a side-burner. But having these facilities will certainly not weaken any Olympic bid."

Norman Sarsfield, the chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England (CGCE), spoke of two factors that had influenced voting by the representatives of 21 sports and the three officers. "On the negative side, the London villages [in Uxbridge and Egham] were like oases in a desert." Competitors would have had nowhere to go. Manchester's village will be located in the City centre.

"Manchester was also a city which really wanted these Games. There was a real vibrancy about the bid," he said. Sarsfield also praised Manchester's presentation skills, honed on three unsuccessful attempts to get the Olympics.

Manchester's 12 preferred sports for 2002 are aquatics, athletics, badminton, boxing, cycling, gymnastics, judo, lawn bowls, netball, shooting, weightlifting and wrestling. The optional sports are archery, fencing, football, hockey, rowing and canoeing, seven-a-side rugby union, squash, table tennis, tennis, and triathlon.

For London, whose application was largely centred on the Wembley complex, the result is another rebuff. Richard Sumray, one of the capital's bid team said: "London, because it is London, has to try for future multi-sports competitions. It is important for the capital and we have the backing of the business community."

Sheffield, the outsiders, never presented their case because city officials declined to sign an indemnity document that they were sent on December 17. The city council, which lost £10.44 million staging the 1991 World Student Games, inserted some financial conditions which the CGCE refused to accept. Charles Woodhouse, the CGCE's legal adviser, said: "We had to have the same level playing field for all three candidates."

Although the main stadium and the aquatics centre have still to be built, most of the other Manchester facilities already exist or are under construction. Work is under way on the National Cycling Centre.

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Torvill and Dean's hopes of Olympic gold grow

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN

JAYNE Torvill and Christopher Dean's hopes of winning a second Olympic ice dance gold medal rose yesterday when Britain discovered that it will have a judge on duty at the Winter Games in Lillehammer in two weeks. The International Skating Union (ISU) announced yesterday that a British judge will be among the ten in Norway, from which the nine-strong panel will be chosen, the other acting as working reserve.

The British judge is expected to be Mary Parry, who officiated when Torvill and Dean, the 1984 Olympic champions, won the European title two weeks ago amid controversy. Britain's chance comes with the withdrawal of the Italians, who will not be sending any skaters.

Torvill and Dean had been prepared to face a more hostile panel of judges than that in Copenhagen which gave them victory by one preference vote. Second were the Russians, Oksana Grishchuk and Yevgeniy Platov, with another Russian couple, Maya Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin, the world champions, third.

Because of its poor ranking as a dance nation — based on performances at the world championship last year in Prague — Britain had not qualified for one of the ten judges' places at the Games. The absence of a British judge had been seen as damaging to Torvill and Dean's cause because there are likely to be three judges from the former Soviet Union among the nine.

The ISU insists that its judges are neutral but in ice dance they tend to favour dancers whose style they know. At Copenhagen Parry placed Torvill and Dean first in the compulsory and original dances and second in the free skating final to Gritschuk and Platov, which helped lift the British couple to first place overall.

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Men's ski race at Garmisch ruled too dangerous

BY DAVID POWELL

THE men's World Cup downhill ski race, scheduled for the course on which Ulrike Maier died on Saturday, was cancelled yesterday. The Kandahar course in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, is considered by organisers to be too dangerous.

Maier's funeral is today and, as a mark of respect, the Austrian team, of which she was a member, withdrew from yesterday's downhill in Sierra Nevada, Spain, the first since Maier, 26, crashed and broke her neck.

"Temperatures have risen in the last few days and there is not enough snow in important areas," Hansjorg Riess, the Garmisch World Cup spokesman, said. The International Ski Federation (FIS) has denied liability for Maier's death after the father of her daughter, said that the sport's governing body was "fully responsible". Hubert Schweighofer claims that Maier broke her neck because her head struck a wooden post holding a timing device.

Yesterday he was joined in his criticism of the safety precautions by an FIS official from Britain. Richard Berry, a FIS technical delegate, described the fatal accident as "most unnecessary". In a letter to *The Times*, Berry says: "It is evident from television that Maier hit more than a snow bank, probably a tree stump at the side of the course. Whatever the object, it should have been protected. What is more serious is the timing equipment that was positioned just the other side of the obstacle she hit.

"It is the specific responsibility of the World Cup director or the technical delegate to ensure adequate protection against such possibilities. The fact that the timing equipment was positioned there indicates that the safety experts were aware of the obstruction but did not think it dangerous."

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Have you ever wanted to pick the England cricket team? Tomorrow, *The Times* offers readers the chance to do just that and to measure the success of their selection against that of the real team in the West Indies.

Grey day as Rowdies give up unequal struggle



Wegerle: Tampa old boy

Peter Ball examines the collapse of what had seemed to be the most secure football outpost in the United States

If Fifa, the world governing body of football, gave the 1994 World Cup to the United States to sell the game to the land of the free, the year has had an inauspicious start. The best known club in the United States, Tampa Bay Rowdies, the team of Rodney Marsh and Roy Wegerle, Stewart Scullion and Stewart Jump, closed its doors yesterday.

And then there were three. When the North American Soccer League (NASL) was at its height, Pelé and Beckenbauer played for New York Cosmos, Gerd Müller for Tampa's former local rivals, Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and George Best and other world stars spent their summers in the colours of Portland or Seattle or Vancouver.

In those days Tampa won the NASL championship and twice finished runners-up, and their best known star, this side of the Atlantic at least, Marsh would sit in a television studio, put his sockless feet on the table and tell us that the sunshine state was the game's future. "English soccer is a grey game played by grey people on grey days," Marsh said.

It doesn't look that way now. Fort Lauderdale, Colorado Foxes and Los Angeles Salsa are the only remaining professional teams in the United States. Whether their league, the American Professional Soccer League (APSL), which now has six teams with the help of three from Canada, will survive remains to be seen.

And after that there is nothing — apart from indoor soccer. Seattle Sounders are reported to be living a half-life waiting for the tide to turn, and an optimist has retained the copyright on the name, New York Cosmos, against the day when Fifa's decision to award the World Cup to the United States pays dividends.

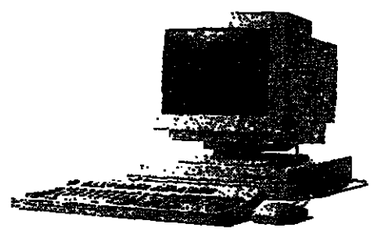
He may have a long wait, for if Tampa cannot support a team — or franchise, as the Americans with their feel for the game would put it — who can? The final blow for Tampa may have been the decision to ignore the claims of a football city and give the World Cup games to the home of Mickey Mouse instead. But then Disney makes a profit.

"The Rowdies never made a profit, and on top of that my investors were told by the Rowdies that we would never make a profit," Jack Brady said, explaining why his consortium had decided against buying the club.

"People do not have the passion for the game here like they do in Europe." Cornelia Corbett, the owner of Tampa Bay, said. "It's coming, but it will take another ten years." Ten years was not the timespan Fifa had in mind when it awarded the World Cup to the States.

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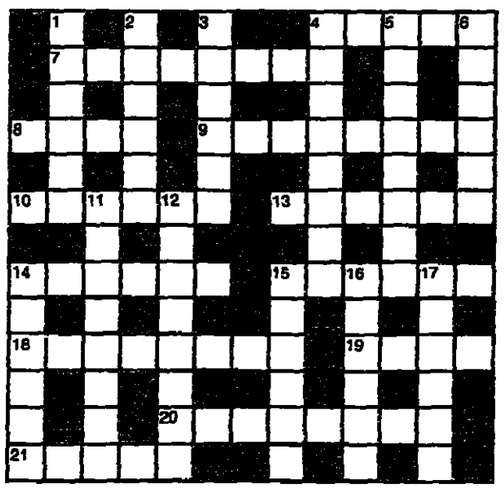
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10 Spoil: plant disease (6)
13 Unintelligent (6)
14 Debase (6)
15 Charts (6)
18 Like an obsessive (8)
19 Tempt: lead on (4)
20 World War I artillery piece (8)
21 Additional (5)

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1 Helix (5)
2 Little sealed cloth holding dried leaves (3,2)
3 Material insert to strengthen garment (9)
4 Naturally salt liquid (3,5)
5 Sweet on a stick (8)
6 Stabilised (price) (6)
11 Impending (5)
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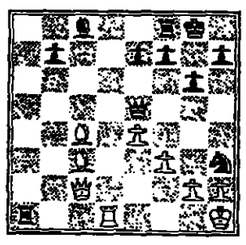
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Sadler - Krasenkov, Hastings Premier 1993. White has various captures to choose from. Which is best?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ACOUPE
a. Drunk
b. To accuse
c. Crossed in heraldry

BIFFIN
a. An apple
b. Supper
c. To change the subject

THIGGER
a. A beggar
b. A mugger's bludgeon
c. To make excuses

UNWHIG
a. To stop being a Whig
b. To take the wig off
c. Mad

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